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One of the city's leading schools has banned its pupils from the Whitefriars shopping centre amid a district-wide crackdown on rowdy school children causing trouble. FOR FULL STORY - SEE PAGE 3

BY GARETH ARNOLD

THREE soldiers from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, based at Howe Barracks, have been remanded in custody following charges of illegally possessing explosives.

The charges come as part of a major probe into allegations of the theft and supply of ammunitions and explosives to gangs in Strathclyde, Scotland.

Two of the men were arrested on Friday, when Kent police raided the Canterbury barracks as part of a joint operation with Strathclyde police, who made several arrests north of the border.

Sgt Kieran Campbell, 27, from Kilmarnock, and Colour Sergeant Garry Graham, 36, from Strathclyde, both based at Canterbury, appeared before Folkestone magistrates on Monday.

They entered no plea and spoke only to confirm their names. Both were charged with possession of explosives for unlawful purpose. Both were remanded in custody.

A 26-year-old civilian woman who was also detained at the army base has been freed on bail.

A third man from the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders appeared before a court in Glasgow.

The raid at the barracks included homes in the married quarters, a flat and the sergeants' mess.

In addition to the Canterbury arrests two other men, Lance Corporal Martin Fitzsimmons, 27, and Christopher Logan, 20, appeared at Glasgow Sheriff Court on Tuesday.

Both were arrested in the Strathclyde area.

Fitzsimmons and Logan were charged under the Firearms Act for offences which included not having a firearms certificate, not having a firearms certificate for ammunition and being in possession of a firearm.

The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders battalion

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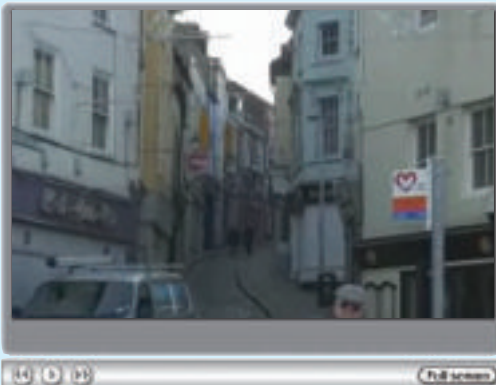
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# Colour yellow shines bright in new display at museum

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

FROM warnings to wealth, the colour yellow has signified many things over the ages as a new exhibition in Whitstable will explore.

Whitstable Museum and Gallery is staging a focus on the colour this month – and if yellow doesn't float your boat, perhaps blue will.

Running alongside the exhibition, at the Herne Bay Museum and Gallery, is one taking a close up look at the colour blue.

From images of sun worship, health and wealth, to associations with illness and hazard, the Whitstable display explores the contradictory nature of the colour yellow.

A city council spokesman said: "Colour is all around us, but we tend to take it for granted. We don't stop to think where it comes from or what it is and we can buy things today in any colour we want.

"But colours were once rare and expensive; fortunes were made and lost, expeditions were conducted to the remotest parts of the earth and lives were poisoned – all in the pursuit of colour."

## Decay

An organiser said: "Yellow is the colour of sunlight, warmth, ripening corn, egg yolks sunny side up and glittering golden wealth. It is associated with well-being and flourishing life. But yellow is also linked with illness – yellow fever and jaundice – as well as sulphur, mustard gas and decay.

"Black and yellow together are used for hazard alert, from wasps and snakes to road signs and hazard tape. "There are very few natural yellow



**MELLOW YELLOW:** Vincent Van Gogh's Sunflowers uses the colour to the maximum

pigments. The best known is saffron, which is made from dried crocus stamens. A rare Indian yellow was made from the urine of cattle fed on mango leaves. The most glorious natural yellow is gamboge, the dried resinous sap of garcinia trees.

"Van Gogh adored the colour yellow, but the highly toxic paint was one of the factors that led to his death."

These and other stories are explored in the new exhibition, organised by Canterbury council's museums and galleries staff, which runs until Saturday, April 12.

It is part of a series of exhibitions that explore the role of one particular colour in art, nature and society across the ages.

An exhibition focusing on blue is on view at Herne Bay Museum and Gallery until Monday, March 24.

Whitstable Museum and Gallery in Oxford Street is from 10am-4pm. Admission is free.

## Yet more trouble for beleaguered regiment

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– known as 5 Scots – has just finished its training ahead of deployment in Afghanistan in late March.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: "The MoD can confirm that Kent police have arrested three soldiers on suspicion of the theft and supply of munitions.

"The arrests took place in Canterbury, where 5 Scots are based. Royal Military Police officers were in support. The MoD is co-operating fully with Kent police as they pursue their investigation."

These latest allegations mean more trouble for the beleaguered Scottish regiment in the run up to deployment.

Last November, 17 soldiers from the same battalion failed drug tests after a five-day break in Mexico following jungle training in Belize.

All 17 squaddies were discharged.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Race for Life this year

THOUSANDS of women will take their place at starting lines all over the county when this year's Cancer Research UK Race for Life gets underway.

Nine Race for Life races will take part in Kent between May and June – including one along Herne Bay seaford.

Last year 665,000 females walked, jogged and ran the 5km courses all over the county, with 26,500 competing in Kent alone. For details log-on to [www.raceforlife.org/south](http://www.raceforlife.org/south).

### Teen booze crackdown

SEVERAL underage drinkers in Canterbury had their alcohol confiscated by police this week.

And officers will be out again on Friday and Saturday evening following six seizures in the city.

Neighbourhood inspector Simon Morris said: "The problems we have are often fuelled by alcohol. We are playing our part in preventing young people from getting hold of it."

There were stop searches of nearly 20 young people during the operation.

### Cops appeal for help

POLICE are hunting a Whitstable man connected with several burglaries across East Kent.

Officers would like to speak to Robert Brazil, also known as Robert Mobey, 26, who they think may have information in the investigation of several break-ins.

Anyone with information should call police on 01843 222130 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

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# Rowdy children prompt police to increase city centre patrols

A SPREE of bad behaviour blamed on Canterbury schoolchildren has seen one school ban its pupils from the city centre and prompt police to step up patrols.

Shops in the Whitefriars centre have reported a spate of petty thefts, fights and loutish behaviour.

The police say they have not noticed an increase in reports of thefts – with much of the trouble dealt with by in-store security guards – but are well aware of a minority of students whose behaviour intimidates shoppers and tourists around the centre.

Acting Sgt Steve Clifton says: “We are aware of reports of anti-social behaviour when school children are queuing for buses at the bus station. We have increased our patrols around the bus station when the

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

city’s schools finish, helping to children get home safely.”

In an effort to ensure its pupils are not involved, one school has already temporarily banned its pupils from visiting parts of the city centre before and after school.

A letter has been sent to parents of pupils at Simon Langton Boys’ Grammar School from deputy head Duncan MacKay.

## Responsibility

He said: “We are keen to keep our own students out of harm’s way, while also assisting the local business community and the police in managing the situation rather better.”

“I have therefore told our students that I do not expect them to be in town in the morning except at the bus station, and only then if they do

not have access to direct buses.”

Simon Langton has specifically told pupils to stay away from the Tesco Metro and the Whitefriars centre in general.

Other schools are expected to follow suit.

Chief Inspector Lee Russell said: “We are working with schools in the city to ensure that pupils return home safely from school.”

“We have recently put more patrols into Whitefriars and to Dane John Gardens following reports of anti-social behavior.”

“However, we are not particularly focusing on pupils from any one school.”

“In fact, I’ve recently held positive meetings with several schools and I am more than confident that they take the responsibility for their pupils seriously.”

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CENTRE STAGE: Trouble at Whitefriars has prompted police and schools to pull together

## Threat to oysters

NATIVE oysters off the coast of Whitstable have tested positive for the Bonamia ostreae parasite which could have a devastating impact on the shellfish which has made the town famous.

Defra has now issued a notice under the Fish Health Regulations, 1997, controlling the movement of the shellfish.

Bonamia ostreae causes the serious disease Bonamiosis in native oyster stocks, but does not have any clinical effect on any other shellfish.

Bonamiosis has no implications for human health and native oysters from this area can still be eaten.

## Hearing aid waiting lists are slashed as clinic backs up NHS

WAITING lists for hearing aids have been slashed across East Kent thanks to a new clinic in Canterbury.

Last year, patients in need of a listening device were forced to wait for more than a year, with some facing up to 88 weeks delay for a fitting following their referral.

But in an effort to comply with government targets, the Hearing Care Centre, which has a clinic at Canterbury’s Chaucer Hospital, has been contracted by the NHS to see patients who need help with hearing.

Managing director of the centre, Mark Scutchings, said: “Last September we started a six-month contract with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) to cut waiting times for hearing aids from 88 weeks to 18 weeks by the end of March.”

“We will see around 2,000 NHS patients in the six months and the contract has been extended for a further three years.”

The move means patients, many of whom are elderly, will only have to wait for a fraction of the time. The firm also offers hearing aid repairs and cleaning, again cutting the time patients have to wait.

The company is also encouraging battery recycling, and intends to use its new partnership with the Eastern and Coastal Kent PCT to encourage hearing aid battery recycling among patients.

Most batteries contain heavy metals, which can harm the environment if disposed incorrectly. When the battery corrodes, the heavy metals may leak into the ground and cause soil or water pollution and endanger wildlife.

Mr Scutchings said: “More of our customers were asking for recycling information.”

“So we decided it was time for a recycling policy to encourage our patients to think about the impact of their used hearing aid batteries on the environment.”

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

Radio station sends  
CDs to scrap heap

COMMERCIAL radio station Invicta FM has pressed the eject button on its CD players for the last time and switched over to a massive industrial MP3 player.

The CD players followed tape decks and turntables on to the scrap heap as the Whitstable studios upgraded to the digital format.

Programme controller Craig Boddy said: "This will mean the end of scratched CDs and machines jumping."

Hair-raising tale of  
business success

AN international business entrepreneur, who went from being a 15-year-old school drop-out to a co-founder of a multi-million hair care company, will share his business insights at a free lecture at Canterbury Christ Church University on March 7.

Graham Webb MBE, who grew up in London government-subsidised housing and overcame the challenges of congenital spina bifida, will share the struggles and accomplishments which eventually led to his business success.

His company Graham Webb International has salons across West Kent.

To book a place, contact Nicola Burr on 01227 782531.

Driver comes off road  
and ends up in ditch

SEVERAL drivers called the police after they saw a crash on Broad Oak Road near Canterbury.

Witnesses saw a car on its side in a ditch following an accident which happened about 9am on Tuesday, February 12.

The car had left the road and slid down a ditch. Passing motorists phoned the emergency services fearing the driver may be trapped.

But the driver, who also reported the crash, was shocked but unhurt.

Make a bid for share  
of £1m eco-funding

MP Julian Brazier has agreed to back the Big Green Challenge, a £1 million competition from the National Endowment for Science, Technology and the Arts (NESTA) to encourage people to work together to tackle climate change.

Now he hopes local groups will put their green ideas forward to be in with a chance of winning a share of the £1m on offer before the February 29 closing date.

For details log-on to the website: [www.biggreenchallenge.org.uk](http://www.biggreenchallenge.org.uk).

# Top festival slots up for grabs in major street theatre push

BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

GRADUATES are to be given generous grants to develop street theatre across the district.

Thespians could be awarded up to £3,000 to produce a performance which will be premiered at Canterbury's high-profile outdoor festivals.

The project aims to nurture artistic talent in Canterbury through financial support and the opportunity to perform for the local community.

Organisers believe Kent is becoming a centre for the study of drama, and Canterbury should be a launch pad for creative careers.

Successful acts will be showcased at the Summer in the City Festival, the Herne Bay Festival, and the Whitstable Oyster Festival.

Graduates are being encouraged to involve the community as consultants as well as an audience. Although there is no theme for submissions, the organisers want entries to be related in some way to Canterbury.

Michelle Moubarak, creative development officer for Canterbury council, said: "The ideas should be relevant to the city in as much as they should reflect our unique heritage and culture."

Organisers' thematic suggestions include tradition and innovation, the patchwork of spaces

from medieval to modern, and the high number of visitors now and throughout history.

However, there is always room for freedom of creativity. Miss Moubarak said: "We are open to possibilities and look forward to seeing what Canterbury has to offer."

The scheme, known as the Marlowe Artist Development Project, is a collaboration between the Marlowe Theatre and Canterbury council's arts and creative development unit.

The awards are available to individuals, companies and collaborations. Artists can perform any act from dance or mime, to plays and comedy. Anyone who has graduated within three years can apply, if they live in the Canterbury district.

Debra McGee, the council's arts and creative development manager, believes this is a great opportunity for performers.

She said: "We are really excited about this new departure for the Marlowe, creating new work by new performers inspired by the unique identity of Canterbury with its European connections and influences and its history of pilgrims and visitors."

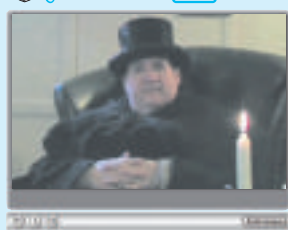
Think you fit the bill? Detailed proposals must be submitted by Monday, March 3. Auditions and interviews will take place on Monday, March 31.

Applications and enquiries should be sent to the University of Kent's drama lecturer Dermot O'Brien at [d.l.o'brien@kent.ac.uk](mailto:d.l.o'brien@kent.ac.uk).



MIME: Street artists could land themselves £3,000

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But you can get to see exactly what he gets up to first, thanks to our free, broadband, TV channel – [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk).

Popular presenter Julie Maddocks – the new face of our online video site – met with Mr Hippisley to find out just what is going bump in the night near you.

And if that leaves you keen to learn more, why not join him on one of his regular trips to highlight the darker side of the city?

So, if you're brave enough to join a tour meet the Ghost Hunter outside Alberry's Wine Bar in St Margaret's Street on Friday or Saturday evening at 8pm.

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**SOLD OFF:** The disposal of the Sea Cadets' Puckle Lane headquarters has worried other community groups

# City chief in vow to ease land worries

COMMUNITY groups can rest easy following an assurance from the council's top man that assets sold off to pay for the city's ambitious capital programme will not leave them homeless.

Speaking exclusively to this newspaper, chief executive Colin Carmichael said despite the £11 million sell-off to help fund rebuilds to the likes of the Marlowe Theatre and refurbishment to the Beane Institute, the district's community groups should not worry.

It follows the sale of the Sea Cadets' Puckle Lane site which is forcing the group out after 60 years. They have been offered an alternative site, but the news unsettled other organisations who feared they too could be sitting on a goldmine the council was keen to exploit.

He said: "We hold onto property for different reasons. Some we hold onto because it makes us money, some because it's the right thing to do. And there are some assets which were bought by other people a long time ago, and although a good idea at the time, now it's not doing anything for us."

"It's what any business would do; hold on to

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

the things that are beneficial and sell the parts that are not. We would always try to sell property whose sale was not controversial or complicated. It makes it easier to sell."

Mr Carmichael would not reveal which assets are to be disposed of, citing commercial sensitivity as a prime concern.

The decision to push ahead with a large-scale asset sale was taken at a meeting earlier this year.

The profit and resultant interest will help the council fund the massively ambitious capital programme.

Between now and 2010, £8m of land and property will be sold, with a further £3m earmarked for sale before 2012. Interest earned on the cash pot would help support the authority's revenue budget from 2011, saving an estimated £180,000 per year in interest on loans which would otherwise have been required. The council hopes to plough between £14m and £16m into its capital programme over the next few years, a figure it regards as "a challenge".

A council spokesman said full council will be asked to agree to the disposal programme, which will start later this year.

## What do you think of the market move?

DO you think shifting Canterbury's market from St George's Place to a side street is a good or bad thing?

After we reported last week on plans to shift the stallholders to a car park in Iron Bar Lane, we want to hear what you think of the proposal. Is the market an integral part of the city's traders - or just an eyesore?

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NEWS IN BRIEF

## Teen escapes clutches of hooded would-be mugger

A DRUNKEN hoodie is being hunted by police following an attempt to steal valuables from a teenager.

The hooded man approached the 15-year-old as he was walking home along Sea Street in Herne Bay on February 1 between 9.45pm and 10.15 pm, police revealed last week.

At the junction with Fitzgerald Avenue, the man, carrying a bottle in one hand and a knife in the other, stopped him and demanded he "jump up and down to see if had anything of value on him".

However, he was disturbed by a passing car and ran off down Sea Street.

The man is white, aged between 20 and 40 years old, and appeared to be drunk.

He is 5ft 11in and was wearing a black hooded top, a black balaclava and white trainers. He also wore a gold ring on his left hand.

Witnesses or anyone with information can contact PC Jonathon Heard on 01227 868267 or call Kent Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Trailer theft drives OAP golfer off the fairways

AN ELDERLY golf fan has been prevented from indulging in his favourite past time following the theft of a trailer.

The 76-year-old, who has undergone knee surgery, used the small trailer to transport a buggy that he has to use on the golf course to enable him to play.

It was stolen from the front garden of his home in Chestnut Drive, Herne Bay, and the owner is appealing for its return so he can get back on to the green.

Anyone with information about the theft can contact police on 01843 231055.

## No bail for ex-Invicta DJ on child abuse charges

FORMER Invicta FM disc jockey Barry Bethell, 64, has been remanded in custody for a month by Canterbury magistrates.

Bethell, of Kimberley Grove, Seasalter is charged with possession of indecent photos of children; taking an indecent photograph of a child; indecent assault on a 11-year-old girl; and indecently assaulting a girl aged 10.

The incidents are alleged to have taken place over a four-year period.

Bethell spoke only to confirm his name and address during the hearing on Friday.

He is due to be committed to Canterbury Crown Court on March 14.

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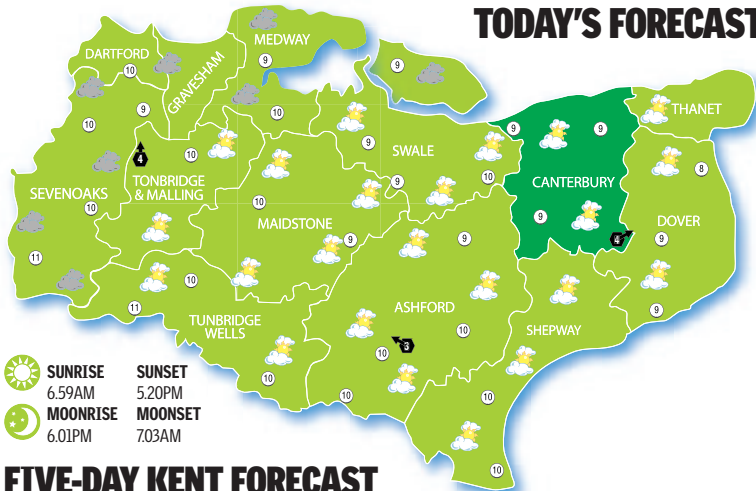


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	Sunday	11:58am	6.5m
Dungeness	Saturday	11:18am	7.3m
	Sunday	11:56am	7.5m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:54am	4.9m
	Sunday	12:28pm	5.0m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:56pm	5.8m
	Sunday	1:35pm	5.8m
Whitstable	Saturday	1:15pm	5.4m
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Chatham	8°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	12°C	Ramsgate	7°C	10°C	13°C	11°C	12°C
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Dover	7°C	9°C	11°C	9°C	10°C	Sevenoaks	8°C	9°C	12°C	11°C	11°C
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Gillingham	8°C	11°C	13°C	12°C	12°C	Tun Wells	9°C	11°C	13°C	11°C	11°C

## Molloy takes over area's police force

A NEW commander of East Kent police, responsible for the Canterbury district and Thanet takes up his post next month.

Kent police's Chief Superintendent John Molloy will take up the role of area commander in East Kent on March 3.

He will replace Ch Supt Peter West, who is leaving to oversee operations at the force's control centre at its Maidstone headquarters.

With 22 years of service, Ch Supt Molloy has worked in a wide range of uniformed and non-uniformed roles during his career.

He spent his first two years with Kent police working in the partnership and crime reduction department at its headquarters and will already be familiar to many of the other organisations the police liaise with.

Ch Supt Molloy said: "This is a beautiful part of the county and I am looking forward to building on the good work that officers have done, not only in making Canterbury and Thanet a safe place to live and work, but also in playing our part in developing a vibrant economy where businesses feel it is an attractive area for investment."

Ch Supt Peter West has been area commander in East Kent since March 2006.

He said: "It has been a pleasure leading a team of such highly motivated and committed staff. I will miss all the staff here in East Kent. I had worked in Canterbury before, but had never worked in Thanet and that has been particularly enjoyable. It took me back to my days as a sergeant in Folkestone where the links to the community were very close."

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### HOLLI DILLON



**Q** What projects are you involved in at the moment?

**A** I'm currently rehearsing for a contemporary multimedia Shakespeare production with a group of University of Kent (UKC) students to be performed at the King's School Theatre. I'm a member of the UKC improvised comedy group Play It By Ear with gigs at Mungo's on campus and at the Christ Church student bar. I'm also involved in the UKC fashion show 2008. I'm writing a few short stories and continuing with my novel Desidera a fantasy tale of Irish folklore and dark magical creatures.

**Q** What do you enjoy most, and how would you like your career to progress?

**A** Above anything, I enjoy being creative, in every sense. My ambition is to continue to juggle acting, painting, directing and writing, along with the other bits and pieces that I do professionally. I tend to keep my art work personal and between family and friends, but performing wise I am to be a professional all rounder; stage, TV, film, singing, dancing, acrobatic stunts and of course acting.

**Q** How do you feel about your success so far in the Miss Top Model UK competition?

**A** Frankly, I am amazed! Ask any of my friends and they will tell you that I didn't plan for this and have admittedly been a little overwhelmed by it all. Not to say that I am shying away from the challenge, but more that

I am a quietly insecure person and wouldn't dream of stepping on toes to get to the top.

I have mainly been taken aback by the amount of support I have received from all my friends and colleagues. I thought they may all think it as a silly superficial thing, but they have all been so encouraging and given me the confidence to take on new challenges.

**Q** What are your impressions of Canterbury?

**A** It's such a beautiful city, full of character and history. The cathedral is especially magnificent. I spent many evenings last year taking a long route back to campus from town, cycling round and discovering new areas of scenic satisfaction. Also, the city council is fantastic. Certainly one of the best I have come across. I am very impressed by the recycling facilities and the encouragement for the arts, particularly with youth groups. It makes me proud to hold a Residents' Card.

**Q** You are part of a comedy group at university, what kind of material do you work with?

**A** Play It By Ear deliver a weekly improvised comedy show in either Mungo's or the Christ Church student bar. Think Whose Line Is It Anyway for style and QI for ingenuity. It is completely improvised sketches that come from audience suggestions. Basically, we have a sack of games and songs that we will perform in accordance with the audiences' desires. As a performer I feel it is important to

be flexible and instantly volatile as you will be marked on your diversity in the professional industry.

I decided to get into improvisation to better my character skills and confidence in my performance. Comedy is probably the hardest thing to get up and do, but I figure the only way to learn is to chuck yourself in the deep end; why whistle when you can scream the tune like an opera star?

**Q** What makes you laugh?

**A** The most ridiculous things. I'm always smiling. I appreciate the small details in things; like I will watch a carefully choreographed ballet or comedy sketch and giggle at the small inscription at the ballerina's costume or a particular eye brow wiggle. I like precision, it makes something worth getting involved in and I find it more engaging; maybe it's the sense of safety you get when something is really well structured and appeals to all the senses. I believe laughing is infectious and a cure for any pain, which I guess is why I have such an overly-loud and involving cackle.

**Q** What keeps you motivated?

**A** I'm generally a pretty motivated person. I have always been very driven and ambitious. I love performing and have a genuine enthusiasm for life, I guess that keeps me motivated. No day is the same.

**Q & A**

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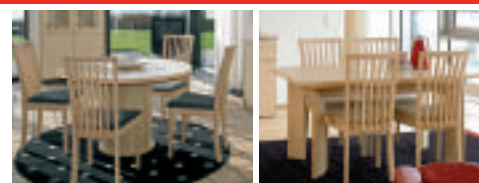
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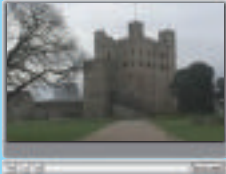
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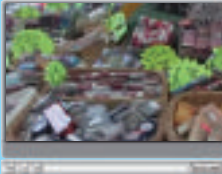
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# Radio 1 extravaganza set for tickets rush

BY JON COATES

A HOST of chart-topping bands are set to descend on the county in May as the UK's biggest free music event comes to town.

BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend will take place on May 10 and 11 at Maidstone Mote Park – after breakfast show host Chris Moyles revealed the venue live from Leeds Castle on Friday morning.

But while the excitement begins to grow, the nerves of music fans are beginning to jangle as they try and nab tickets.

There will be around 20,000 tickets available for each day and the majority will go to those living in the county.

## Demand

Yet the demand is expected to be huge to catch the likes of Scouting for Girls – the first band confirmed for the show and who performed live in Leeds Castle on Moyles' show.

Last year's event in Preston – which featured the likes of the Scissor Sisters, Kasabian, Stereophonics and Razorlight – had a similar capacity and close to half a million people applied for tickets.

With artists and bands set to be added to the bill over the coming week, the clamour for tickets is expected to only increase.

Listeners will be able to apply online for a pair of the sought-after free tickets closer to the time. Postcodes will be used to ensure those living in the county get the best chance of winning tickets.

DJ Chris Moyles said: "The Big Weekend events are one of the highlights of the year.

"I know that sounds like a line, but it's true. I hope everyone gets excited about it and to



**BIG WEEKEND:** DJ Chris Moyles and the Radio 1 team will be promoting the Big Weekend at Mote Park in May

the lucky ones that get tickets, trust me, it'll be the best thing Maidstone sees this year."

Scouting for Girls performed She's So Lovely and Elvis Ain't Dead live from a room inside the historic castle during Moyles' show.

Lead singer and guitarist Roy Stride said:

"We have been playing together for about ten years. We are really proud of what we have done, as we are friends from school.

"To be here on Radio 1 and to have a number one album is unbelievable. We are proud to have done it as friends.

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Watch Julie Maddocks' interview with Scouting for Girls only on Yourkenttv.

"We are now putting the album out live and have a number of festival dates coming up, but the Big Weekend will be the start of this.

"Hopefully there will be nice weather. Bring it on Maidstone!"

Jason Carter, Radio 1's editor of live music and events, said: "We are very proud to announce Maidstone as the hosts for our eighth Big Weekend.

"With massive line-ups of some of the biggest artists in the UK and from around the world performing in Mote Park, it'll be a great opportunity for Radio 1 to put a national focus on Maidstone and the South East and all that it has to offer."

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# Soap and water are the answer



**SUPERBUGS:** Clostridium difficile cannot be beaten with alcohols, so soap and water must be used. Microbiologist James Nash, left, says resistance to antibiotics is why MRSA has become so prolific and that a new strain of the bug currently being seen in America could be the next challenge facing the NHS



BY JENNA PUDELEK

SIMPLY washing your hands with alcohol gel or liquid soap and water is the best way to help the county's hardworking doctors and nurses in their battle against killer health-care-acquired infections.

Consultant microbiologist James Nash spoke to KOS Media about the main superbugs – MRSA and Clostridium difficile.

Although different in their transmission and symptoms, all bugs are spread by poor hygiene and overuse of antibiotics.

Dr Nash, who is director of infection prevention and control for East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust, said the original superbug MRSA started to emerge in the 1970s, gradually becoming more common and accelerating in the 90s.

He said during this period the NHS did not pay enough attention to cleaning hospitals and controlling the use of antibiotics.

The situation has improved since reaching a crisis in 2000, but has left a legacy of large numbers of people who are MRSA carriers.

Dr Nash said most people have Staphylococcus (Staph) on their skin, but what makes it MRSA (or methicillin-resistant Staph aureus) is resistance to a lot of antibiotics. It is not dangerous when it lives in areas such as the armpits and nose, but it is more difficult to treat when it gets into infections.

Experts believe around three per cent of the population are MRSA carriers, but the rate of carriage rises to 10 to 20 per cent among the elderly. It causes abscesses and boils, and can lead to blood poisoning. It can be spread on the hands through touching a number of patients.

The best way to kill the bug is alcohol gel hand wash, which is now available in all hospital wards. Infections are treated with special antibiotics.

Dr Nash said the UK is fortunate, at the moment, not to have a significant number of cases of the particularly virulent strain currently affecting America – known as C MRSA.

"These have not appeared in this country in any significant numbers, but they may be the

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- **Acinetobacter** is a bug causing problems in intensive care units because it is resistant to antibiotics.

next thing that comes," he said.

Controlling the use of antibiotics is particularly important in tackling the other infamous superbug – Clostridium difficile.

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But in 2000 experts became concerned after reports from the US about a more severe strain of the diarrhoea bug that was killing patients.

It was not until 2004, when two outbreaks at Stoke Mandeville Hospital led to 33 deaths, that the strain arrived in the UK.

Coupled with the outbreaks at Maidstone, NHS trusts now take the infection seriously and rates are low across the country, Dr Nash said.

C diff can be treated with antibiotic or probiotic treatments and in some severe cases patients may have to have surgery to repair damaged intestines. However, alcohols do not kill C diff – soap and water are necessary to defeat the bug's spores.

Dr Nash said: "We think we've moved from it [C diff] being endemic to a situation where we have clusters. We think if we can keep it up we won't see high rates of C diff again."

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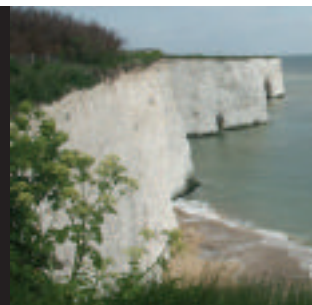
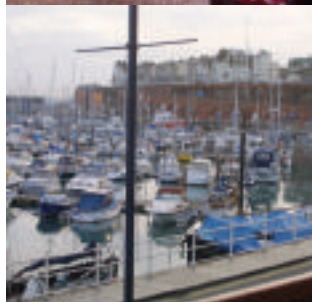
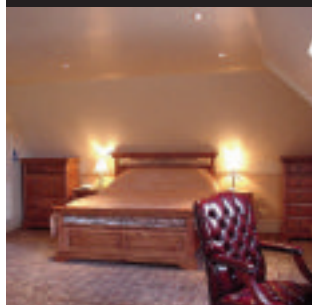
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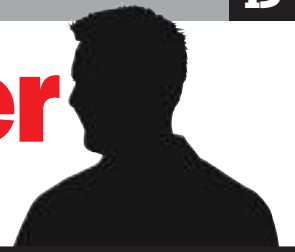
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## Environmental damage is nucleus of power problem

SO British Energy support the government's plan to build more nuclear power stations; there's a surprise.

To paraphrase the famous comment by Mandy Rice-Davies during the infamous Profumo scandal of 1963: "well, they would wouldn't they".

I never thought I would witness a Labour government advocating the building of more nuclear power stations, or, worse, renewing Trident. But then I never thought I'd ever witness any British government pursuing such needless, expensive and dangerous policies.

Everybody in what we still hold to be our free society is entitled to their own opinion, and mine is that nuclear power is one of the greatest confidence tricks ever foisted on human society.

The whole nuclear power industry was set up to produce material for use in nuclear weapons. It was never conceived as, or intended to be, an economical way to produce electricity, and the problems of decommission-

ing power stations and dealing with the waste were deliberately ignored.

I am not alone by any means in this opinion. Here are some of the thoughts on the subject from well-known pressure groups who have been proved right on many subjects in the past 50 years. These are the kind of organisations that have made us aware of the threat to whales, the dangers of weapons of mass destruction, the cruel treatment of farm animals, and indeed, global warming itself, among other things.

GREENPEACE: Even if Britain built ten new reactors, nuclear power can only deliver a four per cent cut in carbon emissions some time after 2025. Even the Government admits this (Sustainable Development Commission figure). It's too little too late at too high a price.

CND: Nuclear power is not the answer to climate change – in fact, even if we doubled the amount of nuclear power in the UK there would only be an eight per cent reduction in greenhouse gases. It is neither carbon emission free nor would new power stations come on stream for at least ten years. It threatens the environment and people's health.

No safe solution has yet been devised to store its carcinogenic toxic radioactive waste, some of which is dangerous for thousands of years. It also leaves us vulnerable to the possibility of nuclear accidents or even terrorist attack.

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH director, Tony Juniper: "The decision to encourage the construction of new nuclear stations in the UK is both irrational and unfortunate. It is irrational because the economics do not stack up and because renewables and energy efficiency could meet our needs more quickly and sustainably. It is unfortunate because the nuclear option will limit our ability to lead in the exciting and fast growing new markets for modern energy sources. And that is bad news for the UK economy and jobs".

Much more has been said, and will be said, on the subject. But remember, it is unlikely we will have to pay for this folly; those who come after us certainly will.

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## TALK TIME

### JANE PERCY

Ex-Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School head teacher Jane Percy has moved from one school famed for its sparkling academic results to another. She talks to us about her life outside the classroom



#### Tell us about your career so far

I come from a farming background, having helped to run and manage a family farm when my children were young.

Having taught science and psychology for ten years in East Sussex in the comprehensive system, I moved to Kent in 1999 when I was appointed to the position of deputy head teacher at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School.

I then spent five years as head teacher at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School in Faversham until being appointed to my new role as head teacher at Simon Langton Girls'.

I am delighted to be taking up the headship at such a high-achieving school and have really felt welcomed by the girls and all the staff.

#### How many children of your own do you have?

I have three children, two sons and one daughter, who are now grown-up and working; one as a teacher, one as a planning officer and the youngest has just finished his stint in the Paras in Iraq, thank goodness.

#### How do you relax?

I am a very keen sportswoman, although a longstanding knee injury has meant that I can no longer play hockey, tennis or squash.

I have developed a real passion for flyfishing over the past few years and am a member of the England Ladies' Flyfishing Team, regularly fishing for England in international competitions.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Fossil event was an interesting find

I would like to pass on my congratulations to everyone involved in the Fossil Roadshow at the library and museum at the weekend.

I took my grandchildren to the event and was very impressed by the size of the turn out and the knowledge of those attending.

We all learned some very interesting things and having spotted the event in your paper last weekend, I'm grateful for you bringing such an event to my attention.

E Jones  
Canterbury

### Video rental shop plays modern role

Strolling through Whitstable the other day, I was impressed to see the video rental shop has adapted to the new trends.

With DVDs now so cheap to buy, and no delay in rental releases and retail versions, it is now also offering a coffee shop.

Which, given how long it takes my husband to choose a film, is something of a God-send to me.

Tina Brewerton  
Whitstable

### Forums doomed to fail with Tory hold

I admire the political students attempting to revive an interest in democracy (Forums aiming to get public returned into political debate, Yourcanterbury), but I fear it is doomed to failure.

The Conservative's majority in



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the city is such that Julian Brazier no doubt has a job for life.

When, in 1997, there was an opportunity for the Lib Dems

and Labour voters to campaign together in a bid to overhaul him, it failed miserably. So much for fighting for the greater good then.

Given the conduct of MPs recently, and the lack-lustre leadership of Gordon Brown, the best that we can hope for is to maintain the number of people who can be bothered to vote in the last election.

Neil Dean  
Via email

### Bronze Age boat needs a big float

Fascinating to read about the Canterbury Archaeological Trust's plans to build a replica of that Bronze Age boat they found under Dover town centre.

However, I was stunned to read it was going to cost £900,000.

Admittedly this includes the cost of the touring exhibition, but surely that is an awfully high figure?

After all, one assumes 3,500-years-ago they did it all for free.

Will Butler  
Herne Bay



### Push through the market move

I completely agree with the plans to shift the market from St George's Place (Market move could finish us off, say traders, Yourcanterbury).

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makes getting up and down that bit of the city centre difficult, and if you have a push-chair, it becomes a real nuisance.

With the Whitefriars complex now looking really impressive, it makes sound common sense, in my opinion.

Peter McManners  
Via email

## Market should move with the times

I read the problems market traders are facing in your paper with interest.

However, as with lots of issues such as this, I find the one of history a little misleading.

Yes, markets have long held a place in the city – but then so has smoking in pubs. Just because it happened once, doesn't mean it should happen indefinitely.

We move on, our expectations move on, and Canterbury has to move on.

The market will still exist, just in a different location. And if they truly offer great deals and a wide range, people will still go looking for them.

L Minter  
Whitstable

## Cash concerns for elderly generation

A number of high-street retailers have recently announced that they will no longer offer their customers the opportunity to pay by cheque.

Whilst the slow death of cheques is

probably inevitable, older people remain more likely than other age groups to continue to use cheques as a means of payment. The truth is that some older consumers in your area may already be struggling with the many changes in the way we manage money such as the introduction of chip and pin cards and this represents another challenge.

More than nine in ten older people have told us that more should be done to help vulnerable older people deal with the changes in the way society uses money whilst seven in ten feel that older people have fewer opportunities for learning how to manage their money.

As a charity we provide advice to older people across the country on exactly these issues through our Your Money Matters programme, which we run in partnership with Barclays.

The projects are aimed at improving the skills, confidence and financial situation of older people by providing basic money management and debt advice.

We would recommend the following advice for any of your older readers who often pay for their shopping by cheque and are concerned about these changes.

Consider asking your bank or building society for a chip and pin or a chip and signature card. If you have trouble understanding how these work, you can ask your bank or building society for instruction.

In the case of chip and pin, the personal identification number (PIN) provides added security for card transactions and if you misplace either type of card, you can cancel it straightaway.

For those who find it difficult to

use pin numbers, the chip and signature card is a better option. All retailers should offer the facility to use this type of card where you can sign for goods.

Rachel Corry  
Help the Aged

## Ten recommendations to help beat cancer

With new scientific studies being published all the time, it is easy to get confused about how our lifestyles can affect our risk of cancer.

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Lisa Cooney, head of education for the World Cancer Research Fund  
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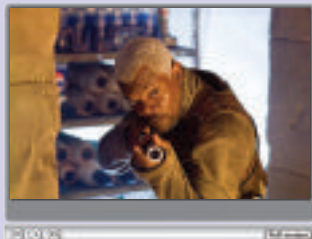
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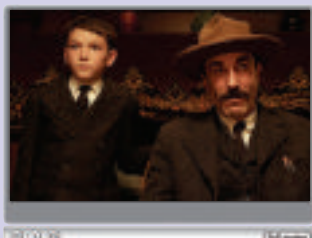
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## It's not cuckoo to write a list

BY ELLIE GENOWER

Having turned 70 last year, Jack Nicholson may well have mortality on his mind already.

If not, his latest movie *The Bucket List* was bound to do the job – it follows two seriously ill men who make a list of things to do before they 'kick the bucket'.

"I think fear of death and fear of the unknown motivates people not to live in the now," says Jack, sunglasses, as usual, fixed in place.

"I always mistrusted someone who said they didn't want to live forever. I changed my mind when I thought to myself, the real question is not whether you want to live forever, but do you want to live forever at the expense of your children? Because if suddenly people stopped dying, we'd have a real ecological problem on our hands."

These days, Jack doesn't do a lot of movies, averaging about one a year since 2000.

Having reached pensionable age with three Oscars to his name, there's not much left for the star to prove – and he knows it. But *The Bucket List* offered him the chance to work with Morgan Freeman, an actor he has long admired.

"We've known one another a long time," admits Jack. "Morgan and I very much wanted to work together. Sometimes things are great and filming this was one of those times. We both had a lot of awareness of one another. It was a reaffirmation."

*The Bucket List* also offered Jack the chance to work with director Rob Reiner again, who was at the helm during Jack's legendary performance as Marine Colonel Nathan Jessop in *A Few Good Men*, alongside Tom Cruise.

After Jack's character, millionaire Edward Cole, meets Morgan's, mechanic Carter Chambers, in hospital, the pair become unlike-

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ly friends and opt to use Edward's cash to make their 'bucket list'.

This sees them jet round the world on an exhaustive trip seeing landmarks like the pyramids in Egypt and the Great Wall of China, and indulging in skydiving, car racing and getting a tattoo, all with the aid of Jack's long suffering assistant Thomas (Sean Hayes).

But of course, the trip isn't just about two men having the time of their lives. They also have to deal with long-forgotten personal issues.

Says Jack: "What I like about the tone of this movie, and my character, is, it's not sentimental, but it has sentiment."

Mention Jack's own personal bucket list, and his thoughts turn to actors he'd like to work with.

"We've all got a bucket list," he admits. "I can't work with Marilyn Monroe, so she's off the list. But there are a lot of people. I was thinking about it last night because people are



STILL HERE: Jack Nicholson hasn't kicked the bucket yet

always asking me which young actors I like. "I'm categorically against making up lists like that because somebody's always annoyed, so I never answer. But I thought, 'No, I'm going to do this different. I'm going to write out a long list of people, be it Nick Cage or Joaquin Phoenix'.

"Incidentally, it's a pretty long list."

So, after an acting career which has spanned several decades and given him more adulation, awards and acclaim than most actors can only dream of, does Jack have any regrets?

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Brand, 50, was born in Hastings and educated at Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School, before embarking on a career in the caring profession. Her mother was a social worker and Brand famously worked as a psychiatric nurse before discovering her talent for making people laugh.

An agent persuaded her to try her luck on the alternative comedy circuit, where she earned a cult following with the pseudonym The Sea Monster. Her droll, almost bored style of delivery combined with perceptive and cutting one-liners were a huge hit in the clubs, which led to her becoming a resident panellist on the 1993 BBC show *The Brain Drain*.

She then landed her own Channel 4 series, *Jo Brand Through The Cakehole*, which established her in the mainstream as one of the country's favourite female comics.

During the 80s and 90s, her distinctive image – big hair, dark clothes and Doc Marten boots – went hand in hand with her heavily feminist material. Pet topics included sexism and prejudice against fat people, but the perceptive quality of her jokes made her just as popular with men and thin people.

Since becoming a wife and mother to two daughters, Brand's humour has evolved and now takes in marriage, family life and the challenges of getting older. She has also branched out from stand-up, becoming a popular semi-regular panelist on the intelligent panel game *QI* and fulfilling an ambition by appearing on *Countdown* in the Dictionary Corner.

With her dry and razor-sharp wit, she often leaves younger male comedians speechless on programmes such as *Never Mind The Buzzcocks* and *Have I Got News For You*.

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Admission to the park costs £9.50/£8.50 for adults, £7.50 for children and £31 for families. For more details, call 0871 782 0087 or see [www.wildwoodtrust.org](http://www.wildwoodtrust.org)



## HAMLET

Tuesday to Saturday,  
February 26 to March 1  
Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

THE heartbreaking tragedy of Hamlet will be explored in a fascinating new production by the Northern Ballet Theatre.

Set to a specially commissioned score by British composer Philip Feeney, the story has been moved from 16th century Denmark to occupied Paris in the early

1940s. When a young man returns from the front to find his father dead, his mother married to his uncle and his city in the grip of the enemy, his world descends into chaos.

As the boundaries between truth and deception, sanity and insanity, begin to blur, Hamlet struggles to make sense of his new life. Co-director David Nixon said: "It's a story that people immediately identify with and there is much about it

that has resonance in our darker corners."

Although it will not feature the Bard's famous dialogue, the production has been lovingly crafted over two years and aims to express his turmoil and emotion through dance.

Performances start at 7.30pm daily with 2pm matinees on Thursday and Saturday. Tickets are priced from £13 to £29. Call the box office on 01227 787787 or see [www.marlowetheatre.com](http://www.marlowetheatre.com).



## PAPPY'S FUN CLUB

Thursday, February 21  
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury

TWO acclaimed comedy acts are teaming up to present a superb night of laughter in Canterbury.

The bizarre Pappy's Fun Club has been nominated for Best Show at the ifcomedy Awards, delighting both audiences and critics with their fresh take on sketch comedy. Full of historical characters, mythical creatures and the eternal battle between good and evil, the show promises to be an unusual and hilarious experience.

Pappy's Fun Club has appeared on both

Radio 4's 28 Acts in 28 Minutes and BBC3's Comedy Shuffle. They have been nominated for a number of prizes and won the Time Out Comic's Choice Award last year.

Joining them on the bill will be award-winning comedian Tom Basden, the only speechless stand-up you are likely to see.

His comedy songs are interspersed with words, pictures and tiny films, creating fantastic gags without ever talking.

Basden's writing and performance credits include BBC1's Jam and Jerusalem, BBC2's Hyperdrive and The Milk Run on Radio 1.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £12/£9. Call the box office on 01227 769075 or see [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

## CANTERBURY LEISURE

### Marvellous mini beasts to keep children busy

SEARCH for mini beasts in the woods of Canterbury with the Mini Buzz Club.

Three to seven-year-olds are invited to join the holiday fun, playing games and making their own mini beast. Marvellous Mini Beasts will be at Canterbury Environmental Education Centre, Broad Oak Road, at 10am tomorrow.

Admission is £5 for children and free for accompanying adults. Call 0845 824 7600 or see [www.naturegrid.org.uk](http://www.naturegrid.org.uk).

### Simple Simon says you should attend his show

CHILDREN can join in the fun with the Simple Simon Happiness Show in Swalecliffe today.

The panto-style show will offer lots of opportunities to join in with the happy antics. Doors open at the Swalecliffe and Chestfield Community Hall in St Johns Road at 2pm for a 2.30pm start.

Tickets cost £5. To find out more, call 01227 364476.

### Uncle Vanya's family affairs take to the stage

TWO obsessive love affairs and a disastrous flirtation bring turmoil to a family in Chekhov's unforgettable Uncle Vanya.

Presented by the Herne Bay Little Theatre Playmakers, the production is part of the Kent Amateur Drama Association Drama Festival. The show will be staged at the theatre in Bullers Avenue from Monday, February 25, to Saturday, March 1.

Performances start at 7.30pm and tickets cost £7. Call the box office on 01227 366004 between 10am and 12.30pm for details.

### Note perfect renditions are all in the right quay

FANS of Motown, funk and soul music have a treat in store in Whitstable on Friday night.

Counterfeit Notes, an acclaimed eight-piece band, will be performing at The Whitstable Brewery Bar in the East Quay complex. The gig starts at 8pm and admission is free.

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# Explore a lakeside retreat

BY HANNAH STEPHENSON

Driving along the precarious winding roads and through tunnels cut into the jagged mountains reminded me of a scene from *The Italian Job*.

But it wasn't a Mini we were travelling in, the location wasn't Turin and Michael Caine was nowhere to be seen. In fact, we were doing a circuit of Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake, which lies in the foothills of the Dolomites in the north of the country.

Lake Garda, peppered with a mixture of elaborate hotels, pebble beaches and beautiful towns against a stunning mountainous backdrop, has plenty on offer for the discerning traveller.

Thankfully, unlike other popular resorts, architects haven't dug into the spectacular hillside to create holiday apartments or commercial villages. The scenery varies enormously, from the craggy mountains of the north, to the rich vineyards of the middle reaches and the gentle plains which back the southern shores.

We were staying at Europa Silvea, a pretty campsite near Salo, on the south west of the lake, shaded by olive trees.

Our drive north took us past Salo through tree-lined roads alongside picturesque towns including Gardone Riviera and Gargnano and, almost at the tip of the lake, to the more commercial town of Limone, where you can hire



**WHAT A VIEW:** As the Cote D'Azur of Italy, Lake Garda isn't a cheap holiday, but it is beautiful

pedalos, go for a swim or even catch a car ferry across the lake to Malcesine, also known as the Riviera of Olives, which was loved by many celebrated writers and artists, most notably Goethe.

Many of the campsites around Lake Garda (and there are a lot of them) are situated on the hillside and enjoy stunning views of the lake. We were able to access the lake from our campsite for a swim and to just watch the world go by.

Lake Garda, which lies around half way between Venice and Milan, was formed by gla-

ciars at the end of the last ice age and is divided between the regions of Lombardy, Trentino and the Veneto.

It may have an alpine setting, but the temperature is like the Mediterranean as the lake acts as a gigantic solar panel, with a ring of mountains retaining the heat.

It's 98 miles around the lake, so you can drive around it in a day, although we were keen to explore the many gorgeous villages and towns on its banks. To the north nearer the mountains it is windier and narrower, just two miles across at its narrowest point, and that's where much of the sailing and windsurfing takes place.

Further south there's still a plethora of water-based activities, from water skiing and jet skiing to scuba diving and fishing.

If you are going to drive, I would recommend hiring a small car rather than a big people carrier because parking can be tricky close to the lake in the height of season.

The best mode of travel for me, however, was the ferry. You can get to major towns across the lake this way, without the hassle of traffic or parking, although it is quite pricey – around 60 Euros (£42) for a half-hour trip for a family of four.

I have to say that eating out in Lake Garda is not cheap for families unless you live on shared pizzas. It is the Cote D'Azur of Italy, so expect to pay accordingly. We found the Italians extremely child-friendly, the water cleaner than a lot of the Mediterranean and the ambience stylish but relaxed.

All in all, the perfect Italian job.

## FACT FILE: ITALY

Time difference	UK +1 hour
Currency	Euro approx 1.34 to £1
Capital	Rome
Population	59.3 million
Language	Italian
Religion	Roman Catholic
Climate	Mediterranean

## Holiday details

Hannah Stephenson travelled to Lake Garda courtesy of Keycamp. Twelve nights at Europa Silvea in May 2008 starts from £297 for two adults and up to five children staying in a Classic Midi mobile home, accommodation only. Seven nights in August costs from £621.

Fly drive packages, rail travel or ferry crossings and overnight stops are available at a supplement. Visit [www.keycamp.co.uk](http://www.keycamp.co.uk) or call 0844 406 0319 to make your booking or request a brochure.

The hire car was courtesy of Hertz. To make a reservation, log onto [www.hertz.co.uk](http://www.hertz.co.uk) or call 08708 448844.



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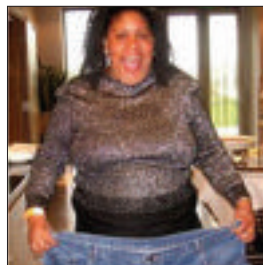
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## CANTERBURY SHOPPING

### Youngsters can enjoy a special lesson in history

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Children aged six to eight will enjoy her participatory talks about Medieval life, medicine and food, which are a fun way to learn about history.

The event will be held at Waterstone's in Rose Lane on Tuesday, starting at 11.30am.

Tickets are free, but must be booked. For details, call 01227 452354.

### Take a byte out of the cheap computer market

**COMPUTER** giant Dell has started rolling out its range of PCs and laptops in supermarket chain Tesco, as well as a host of other high street stores.

The firm has traditionally only sold its machines via mail order, but has now branched out doing deals with the likes of PC World and Currys.

Different models are being rolled out in various stores, so check with your local outlet. Tesco's range can be also found online at [www.tesco.com](http://www.tesco.com), or try [www.pcworld.co.uk](http://www.pcworld.co.uk).

### Safety comes first when you're out on the piste

**SKIERS** heading for their winter break on the slopes should choose safety over fashion when choosing sunglasses.

According to The College of Optometrists, UV rays can be up to eight times more powerful on the pistes. But many fashion-conscious Brits are risking long-term eye damage by not choosing shades that block out UV-A and UV-B rays.

Top tips include looking out for the British Standard mark BS EN 1836:2005, making sure glasses fit properly and wearing goggles where possible. See [www.college-optometrists.org](http://www.college-optometrists.org).

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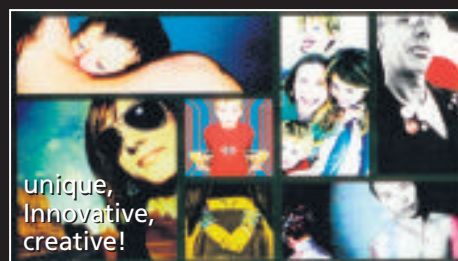
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BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

A **SOURCE** of income could come to an end and it could put you in a bit of a panic. Instead of concentrating on your lack of material resources, count your blessings. Staying focused on the good things in your life. This sounds simplistic, but it's really true.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**ALL** things must come to an end and this week you should be saying farewell to a group, club or organisation that's been a great help to you in the past. Those who know and love you best will be encouraging and supportive, but there will be some sour grapes from certain people.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

IT may be a surprise to find you can't depend on someone close. You need to stand on your own two feet. The important thing is to claim your personal power. Some people may feel threatened by your decision, but if they care for your well-being your relationship will survive.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could hear news of an impending birth. Even though everybody else is wild with excitement, you're a little concerned. It's sobering to realise that your carefree days are coming to a and only right to mourn this loss of independence. You're entering a new season of life.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Scorpio** 09067-531759



**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOU'RE in the driver's seat where relationships are concerned. The time has come for you to take the lead and deal decisively with those issues that are preying on your mind and undermining your happiness. There are tough decisions ahead so keep your eye on your goal.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

YOUR work situation may force you to think about making a move. It's up to you to take the initiative and start putting your own plans and ideas into practice. This is a time of great opportunities especially if you want to rid yourself of anyone or anything that's holding you back.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU won't be able to hide your feelings so don't even try. If someone has betrayed you, face up to it and move on. There's good news on the career front that could be bringing in extra cash very soon and a welcome development concerning someone younger.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

AN end to a difficult family matter has finally arrived. You've got to face the truth of this situation. Admitting mistakes is never easy, but it's essential to leading a happier, healthier life. Be sure to create a network of social support so you won't feel so vulnerable.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760



**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

IT may be time to put an end to a dangerous sport or obsessive hobby. If you won't do it for yourself, do it for your loved ones. You may be surprised to discover how liberated you feel as a result. You'll enjoy working behind the scenes on a community plan more than taking the lead.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

INSTEAD of letting your feelings get the better of you, make plans for your next move. Distancing yourself from a teacher, expert, or guru will be painful, but cleansing. It's not healthy to attach too much importance to one person or philosophy, anyway.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

A **HEALTH** matter could come to your attention, forcing you to cut back on work. If you keep going at the same break-neck pace the stresses and strains will start to tell. Some unexpected opposition or difficulty could come out of the woodwork, forcing you to leave a position you really enjoy.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOU may have been travelling a lot over the past few months. If this prospect isn't pleasing to you, do something about it. Inviting friends over for dinner and drinks can be a good way to ease back into the domestic realm. You can still have fun, even if you are staying in one place.

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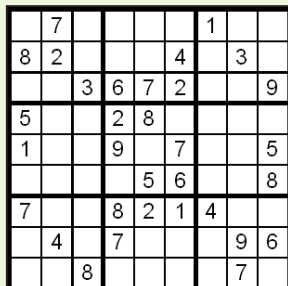
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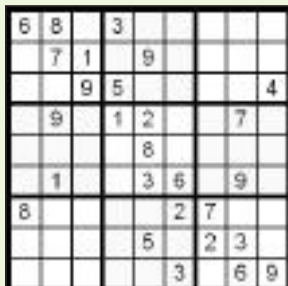
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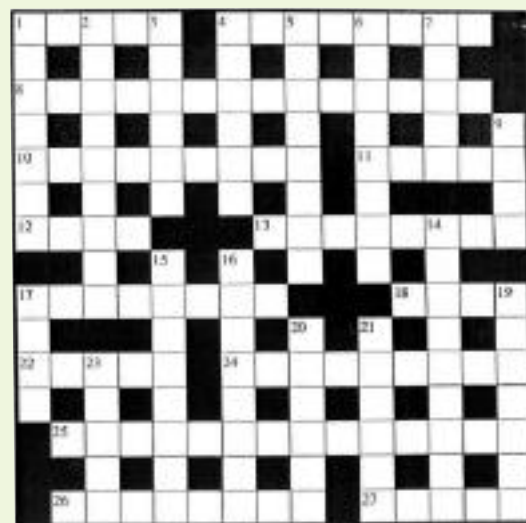
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- 1 Having scoffed, Jack found one on the bottom of the lake (5)
- 4 Master's joint title (8)
- 8 Angry testing? (5-9)
- 10 German apt to become star (9)
- 11 Push the boat (5)
- 12 We hear side will be prolific (4)
- 13 Female with churchman, trusty supporter (8)
- 17 Book her Jamie misbehaving (8)...
- 18 ...early outstanding book (4)
- 22 Plant go on stage in Channel Islands (5)
- 24 Undertaken by two parties or 49 in Alberta possibly (9)
- 25 Old Post Office (6,8)
- 26 Quieter part of a car? (8)
- 27 Medico behind with payment (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Sailor with copper to bring up the money (7)
- 2 Tanned nude said to be grizzly perhaps! (5,4)
- 3 Dreary lads I'm shocking (6)
- 4 Not necessary to have such an extravagance? (6)
- 5 Don't forget about representative (8)
- 6 Novelist and composer in Cheshire (8)
- 7 It's found at the heart of sinners (5)
- 9 Lady in London or man in Paris (4)
- 14 Norma made new notes (9)
- 15 Movie Ron created about meat and vegetable eater (8)
- 16 Extremely cruel restrictions pronounced icy (8)
- 17 Northerner Joseph, half-back (4)
- 19 Sun air and water? (7)
- 20 Priest, about nine, had right remedy (6)
- 21 Ate into sketch Edward produced (6)
- 23 Fur on one animal (5)

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### QUICK CLUES

#### ACROSS

- 1 Fed up (5)
- 4 Perplex (8)
- 8 Immorality (14)
- 10 Ratified (9)
- 11 Valse (anag.) (5)
- 12 Unwilling (4)
- 13 Removed lice (8)
- 17 Close to the sea (8)
- 18 Sea-fog (4)
- 22 Scope (5)
- 24 Redirect a letter (9)
- 25 Attracting publicity (2,3,9)
- 26 Oust (8)
- 27 Elegy (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Plague (7)
- 2 Controller (9)
- 3 Dundee (anag.) (6)
- 4 Chide (6)
- 5 Took back (8)
- 6 Fielder (cricket) (4-4)
- 7 Artist's stand (5)
- 9 Chief person (4)
- 14 Vulture eg (9)
- 15 Swindle (6-2)
- 16 Brolly (8)
- 17 Repast (4)
- 19 Supporter's badge (7)
- 20 Rodent (6)
- 21 Muddled (6)
- 23 African language (5)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

EASY



MEDIUM



HARD



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE No 22: 1) Lamp on red lamp post is missing 2) Shelter pillar is gone 3) Square between tracks is missing 4) First window on train has gone 5) Dark object on train roof is missing

### CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS No23

ACROSS: 1 Decamp 4 Marrow 10 Glissando 11 Alter 12 Suffice 13 Tadpole 14 Equestrianism 16 Double-dealing 21 Anaemia 22 Sextant 24 Prick 25 Loincloth 26 Wining 27 Platan.

DOWN: 1 Digest 2 Chief 3 Missive 5 Abaddon 6 Rat-poison 7 Warner 8 Under the table 9 Container ship 15 Quotation 17 Bumpkin 18 Lexical 19 Pawpaw 20 Itchen 23 About.

### QUICK SOLUTIONS No24

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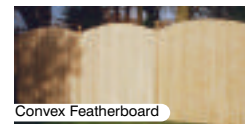
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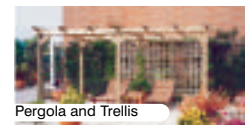
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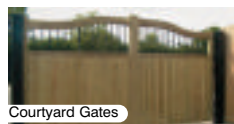
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## BIRTHS

### BARTLETT

Liam born on 2nd January y 2008, weighing 7lb 6oz. Son to Louise Best and Chris Bartlett in Ramsgate.

### BEACH

Nicky and Andy Beach celebrate the birth of their twin daughters Alesha Bethany Beach and Michaela Megan Beach on 18th January 2008.

### BLACKWELL

Ian and Nicola of Herne Bay are proud to announce the birth of their son, Finley William, on 1st February 2008. A new baby brother for Liam, Kieron, Leyton and Robbie.

### BOLTON

Miranda and Daniel celebrate the birth of their daughter Lydia Kathleen Bolton born on 6th February 2008.

### BRUNGER

Emma and Richard Brunger of Tenterden celebrate the birth of their son Charlie James on the 18th January 2008.

### CARLTON

Claire Hewitt and Benjamin Carlton of Margate celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby Louise Carlton on 26th January 2008.

### CARPENTER

Karen and Lawrence Carpenter of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Harry Edward John Carpenter on 31st January 2008, a brother for Stephanie, William, Charlotte and Rebecca.

### CHUBB

Darren and Rose Chubb of Monkton celebrate the birth of their daughter Rosie Delphine on 8th January 2008. Welcome sister to Lewis, Brandon and Benjamin.

### ELSE

Brandon Robert Gordon born on 9th January 2008, weighing 7lb 3oz. Son to Jordana and Cameron in Margate.

### FORD

Barry and Claire of Higham are proud to announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Bethany born on 28th January 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz. A baby sister for Jodie and Nathan who love her very much.

### GALLAGHER

Finley born on 28th January 2008, weighing 6lb 13oz. Son to Tara and Justin in Ramsgate.

### GEORGE

Jessnia born on 4th February 2008 weighing 8lb. A beautiful daughter for Albert and Mereena of Pembury.

### GILBERT

Lucy Frances born on the 30th January 2008, weighing 7lb 6.5oz. Daughter to Russell and Lynzi in Maidstone.

### GOMES

Dianne Mary born on 7th February 2008, weighing 8lb 15oz. Daughter to Julie and Richard. Little sister to Robert and Russell in Margate.

### GREEN

Max and Véronique of Tonbridge are delighted to announce the birth of their daughter Amy born on the 7th February 2008.

### GROVE

Sophie Louise born at Maidstone Hospital on 22nd January 2008, weighing 10lb 2.5oz. Daughter to Simon and Sarah, sister to Nathan.

### HARRIS

David and Deborah of Boughton Under Bleau are pleased to announce the birth of Marianne Louise born 5th February 2008 a sister for Thomas.

### HEDGES

Tracy and Andrew of Westgate-on-Sea are delighted to announce the birth of their son Oscar Barnaby, born on 19th January 2008 at Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital.

### HILL

Kevin and Mandy of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Jaiden Khanh Hill on 14th January 2008. You are the miracle who we will love and treasure forever.

### HOGG

Gabriella Susan born on 3rd February 2008, weighing 5lb 15.5oz. Daughter to Michael and Susan Hogg in Maidstone.

### HOLLINGS

Mark and Kath Hollings of Collier Street are proud to announce the birth of their son James Michael Hollings born 12th January 2008 weighing 7lb 13oz.

### KOSTER

Sky Sheila Koster born on 21st January 2008, weighing 6lb 13oz. Daughter to Charles Blackmore and Lyn Koster-Blackmore in Broadstairs.

### LAMOON

Shane Lamoon and Emily DeGrussa celebrate the birth of their son Jordan Frederick Lamoon on 17th January 2008 weighing 7lb 11oz. Our most beautiful and precious son.

### LLOYD

David and Hazel are delighted to announce the birth of their son Joshua Charlton John on 30th January 2008 at Darent Valley Hospital weighing 9lb 8oz.

### MARTIN

Leighton Robert born 11th January 2008. Son of Valerie Martin and David Reynolds and brother to Jonathan.

### McSWEENEY

London Daisy born on 23rd January 2008, weighing 7lb 11oz. Daughter to Fleur and Jay in Margate.

### PARKES

Kestra Melody born on 4th February 2008 weighing 7lb 10oz. A beautiful daughter to Adam and Susanna of Tunbridge Wells.

### PERRY

Vicki and Billy of Ramsgate are delighted to announce the birth of Callum Michael, born on 5th February 2008 at QEQM. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

### PHEILS

Sarah and Jonathan of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Isaac Tom Pheils on 11th January 2008.

### PULHAM

Danusia and Tim Pulham of Edenbridge are proud to announce the birth of their

son Jake Samuel Stefan Pulham on 1st February 2008 weighing 8lb 11oz.

### PYKE

Sophie Charlotte born on 15th January 2008, weighing 7lbs 9oz. Daughter to Tony and Alison in Margate. Many thanks to family and friends for all their support.

### RALPH

Bianca and Scott celebrate the birth of their beautiful daughter Jasmine born at QEQM.

### SMALL

Ella Shan Small born on 5th February 2008, weighing 7lb 3oz. Daughter to Rhiannon Small and Chris Hayman of Ditton.

### STALLWOOD

Carl and Rebecca of Margate celebrate the birth of their son Cieran Peter George on 17th January 2008. Welcome brother to Aidan and Erin.

### STEEL

Sadie Swan and Wesley Steel of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Ruby Lauren Steel on 15th January 2008.

### SKINNER

Grace Doreen Kay born on 19th January 2008, weighing 7lbs 9oz. Daughter to Greg and Kayleigh in Margate. Welcome sister to David.

### WALTERS

Iris Mae born on 2nd January 2008, weighing 4lb 9oz and Olive Neve born on the same day, weighing 4lb 8oz. Daughters to Lesley and Domenic in Ramsgate. You are the miracles who we will love and treasure forever.

### WEBB

Richard and Clare are pleased to announce the birth of their son Henry Nicholas Peter born on 28th January 2008 weighing 5lb 7oz.

## DEATHS

### BANES

Elsie Banes of Maidstone passed away on 8th February 2008, aged 92.

### CHAZZELL

Les Chazzell of Dover passed away peacefully after a long illness on 29th January 2008, aged 65.

### COPPINS

Dorothy Joan Coppins passed away at home on 5th February 2008, aged 89. Funeral service to be held at Charing Crematorium on Monday 18th February 2008 at 11.20am. All enquiries to A.W.Court Funeral Directors on 01622 850840.

### DAVIS

Marjorie passed away 5th February 2008 in Herne Bay loving wife of Cyril and mother of Joan Anne and Graham Funeral to take place on 19th February at Noon in the Salvation Army Citadel Richmond Street Herne Bay Family flowers only Donations can be made to Welch and Son Herne Bay for the British Heart Foundation and Dogs Trust Chestfield.

### FORD

Elsie Maud Ford Bs PhD, formerly of East Malling Research Centre, died peacefully aged 82 after a long illness - accepted with dignity and

often good humour. Enquiries to Viners Funeral Directors on 01732 842485.

### HARRIS

After a short battle with illness Bridget Harris (Dilly) sadly passed away peacefully on Saturday 9th February 2008 at the QEQM in Margate. Now with her beloved Albie. Funeral will be held at SS Austin and Gregory Margate on Wednesday 20 February at 12 noon.

### HILLS

Gordon William died peacefully after a long illness on 9th February. Will be sadly missed by his wife Ivy, family and friends.

### LOINES

John Loines of Offham passed away on 7th February 2008, aged 75. Enquiries to Clarkes Funeral Directors of Snodland 01634 240458. A loved one is not gone until they are forgotten, and to live in the hearts to those left behind is to live forever.

### RUSE

Denis Malcolm Ruse of Biddenden, formerly of Essex, passed away peacefully after a long illness on the 11th February 2008 aged 86. Enquiries to T W Fuggle.

### SAWYER

Roy Sawyer aged 81, died on the 5th February 2008 at home. Cremation to be held at Vinters Park on 20/02/2008 at 11.45am. All enquiries to Sears Barming.

### WALSH

Nora died peacefully on 9th February 2008 at home. Funeral Service to be held at St Anselms Church Dartford on 12.30 pm on 22nd February 2008.

### WILLIAMS

Doreen Williams of Maidstone formally head of English at Invicta Girls School and Deputy Head of Rainham Mark Grammar School passed away suddenly on 04/02/2008. Survived by her husband and 4 children.

### WOODCOCK

Bernard Woodcock passed away suddenly, at his home in Canterbury on 2nd February 2008. The funeral service is to be held at St Thomass Church on Tuesday February 19th at 12 noon followed by a cremation at Charing Crematorium. All enquiries to Lyons of Canterbury 01227 463508.

## IN MEMORIAM

### WRAIGHT

William John Charles Wraight of Whitstable 1922 to 2008. Loving husband to Jean for more than 60 years, much loved father of John and Susan and beloved grandfather. You will always be remembered in our hearts and there will never be another like you. Cremation was at Barham on Tuesday 12th February at 12 noon. Donations to The Pilgrims Hospice, Canterbury.

### WOODBIDGE

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Regret over rise in repossession cases

FOLLOWING the release of the latest repossession figures by the Council of Mortgage Lenders, the National Association of Estate Agents has expressed "regret" over the reported rise.

But the group said a sense of perspective on the market is necessary.

Peter Bolton King, chief executive at the NAEA, said: "We always regret hearing news about repossession rises.

"Difficult economic conditions have taken their toll on some homeowners recently and this is certainly unfortunate. It is vital that people looking at the wider market do not lose their sense of perspective, however.

"The 2007 repossession figures are still massively down on those seen in the early 90s, when nearly 80,000 were recorded in one year compared with 27,100 last year."

### Agencies struggle to keep their staff

DESPITE a very healthy market, many letting companies say they are finding it increasingly difficult to find and hang on to good quality staff.

Although the basic earning potential remains good, letting companies are finding the market a tougher place than before and research shows that many employees are choosing to either leave the industry altogether or sit tight.

According to the business, many letting companies have realised that an important element of their reputation and brand image is how their staff deal with members of the public.

### ID theft threat to county's landlords

LANDLORDS are being warned against the threat of identity theft by unscrupulous tenants.

According to a report, sales and letting agents are being warned to be on their guard for tenants with fake references who then assume the landlord's identity, apply for a mortgage and run off with the cash.

Rob Tancred, director of estate agency Capital Bromley, said: "If you do not have a mortgage on your property it is easy for a conman to obtain the title deeds and take one out in your name."



**CONFUSION:** Experts warn that a lack of knowledge of the changing Bank of England interest rates could have a big impact on the size of your mortgage repayments

# Homeowners living on borrowed time

RESEARCH by The Homebuyer and Property Investor Show has revealed some homeowners are ignorant about basic financial issues, particularly in relation to mortgages.

Although rising interest rates have a significant impact on individual wealth, only one third of the respondents questioned knew what the Bank of England base rate was last month. It currently stands at 5.25 per cent.

Over 50 per cent of people believed the rate was under 5.5 per cent. These findings were confounded by the fact that 59 per cent did not

■ BY NICK AMES

know what the current interest rate was on their mortgage.

Such ignorance is worrying news for homeowners, many of whom could face a payment shock when their fixed rate mortgages come to an end soon.

The survey also showed an alarmingly low number of homeowners understand the mortgage options available, with only 34 per cent of respondents knowing that the tracker mortgage tracks the Bank of England's base rate.

Nick Clark, managing director of Homebuyer Events, said: "The Bank of England interest rate plays a crucial part in

determining homeowners' personal wealth. With borrowers not keeping their eye on the ball they could find they are paying way above the odds on their current mortgage.

"It is concerning that homeowners seem not to be on top of basic personal financial issues. Buying a house and signing up to a mortgage is possibly the largest financial commitment we make in our lives and yet the sheer number of people who do not understand the basic terms and processes is very worrying.

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- In The Heart Of The Town



**HERNE BAY** **£289,995**

**HERNE BAY OFFICE** **FHP01879**

- Large Town Centre Property
- Lots Of Potential
- Upto 5 Bedrooms, 3 Receptions



**HERNE COMMON** **£399,995**

**HERNE BAY OFFICE** **FHP02259**

- Grade II Listed Thatched Cottage
- Approx Third Acre
- 3 Bedrooms, Garage & Parking



**WHITSTABLE** **£249,995**

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- 3 Bed Semi-Detached
- Enclosed Rear Garden, Parking
- 2 Receptions, Conservatory



**HERNE** **£479,995**

**HERNE BAY OFFICE** **FHP02699**

- 5 Bed chalet detached bungalow
- 2 receptions and 2 bathrooms
- Garden in excess of 100'



**WHITSTABLE** **£239,995**

**WHITSTABLE OFFICE** **FWP02153**

- 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Finished To A Very High Standard
- No Chain & Must Be Seen

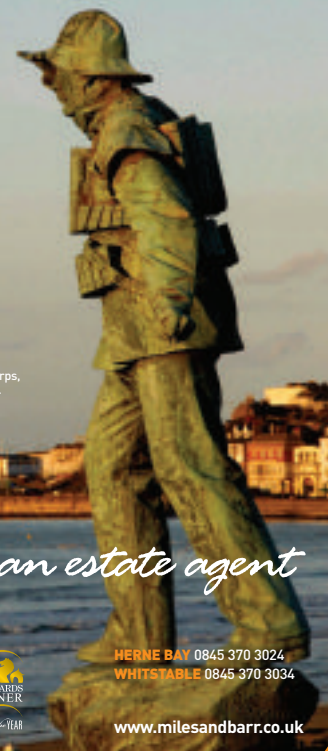


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**WHITSTABLE OFFICE** **FWP02227**

- 4 Bed Detached House
- Outskirts Of The Town
- Updating Required

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**Herne Bay**

- 5 beds, 2 En-Suites
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**Bishopstone**

- Substantial 6 Bedroom Family Home
- Overlooking Farm Land
- Corner Plot & Splash Pool

.....£385,000



**Herne**

- Detached family home - NO CHAIN!!
- 4 beds 3 receptions, study, conservatory.
- Landscaped gardens, open countryside.

.....OIEO £300,000



**Herne Bay**

- 4 bedroom detached house.
- Herne Bay High catchment area.
- Conservatory - No chain!

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**Beltinge**

- 100 metres from the Downs.
- Flexible accommodation.
- Attractive gardens.

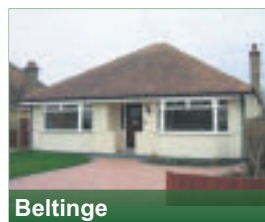
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**Herne Bay**

- Fantastic, spacious 3 bed accommodation.
- Just a stones throw away from the seaford.
- Larger than average garage.

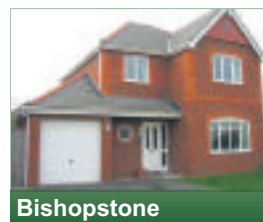
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**Beltinge**

- Refurbished luxury 3 bed bungalow.
- En-suite shower room.
- Immediate vacant possession.

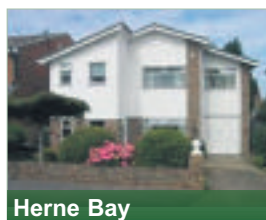
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**Bishopstone**

- 4 bedrooms.
- Popular development close to village.
- Still under NHBC guarantee.

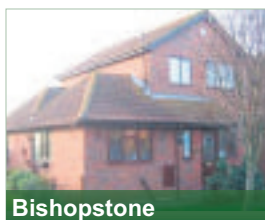
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**Herne Bay**

- Desirable Location
- 4 Bedrooms - Individual Home
- Ideal family home!

.....£272,000-£282,000



**Bishopstone**

- Extended 3 bed detached house
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Located in a popular Bishopstone area

.....£264,995



**5 Darenth Close,**

- Spacious Family Living
- Safe cul de sac location
- 4 Bedrooms, Oak Kitchen & Fab Bathroom!

.....£249,950



**Herne Bay**

- Extended 3/4 bedroom 1930's house.
- Flexible living accommodation.
- Must be viewed.

.....OIEO £246,000



**Whitstable**

- 3 bed end of terrace house.
- Separate kitchen & utility room.
- Corner plot, stunning views.

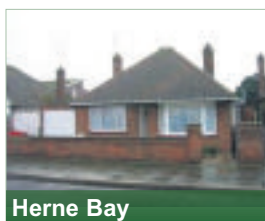
.....£225,000-£250,000



**Herne Bay**

- 3 bed detached house.
- Popular cul-de-sac location.
- Walking distance to town & train station.

.....£234,995



**Herne Bay**

- 2 bed detached refurbished bungalow
- Close to shops & amenities
- Double Glazed & Gas Central Heated

.....£225,000



**Broomfield**

- 3 bed detached family home.
- Farm & views to the side of the property.
- Double glazed conservatory to the rear.

.....£220,000-£240,000



**Greenhill**

- 19' Kitchen/Diner
- 2 bedroom extended detached bungalow.
- 50' rear garden & garage.

.....£215,000-£230,000




**Studd Hill**

- NO CHAIN!!!! Private Residential Estate
- Direct accessibility to the Beach.
- 2 Bed Detached Bungalow, Conservatory.

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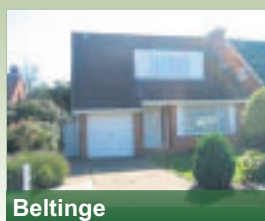
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**Beltinge**

- Stamp duty & legal fees paid!
- 2 bed Chalet House
- Integral Garage

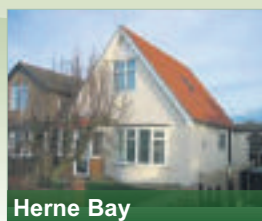
.....£220,000



**Greenhill**

- Excellent quality throughout.
- 3 Bedrooms.
- Poplar location - Detached garage.

.....£215,000



**Herne Bay**

- Walking distance to shops & station.
- Separate lounge & dining room.
- 2 bedrooms.

.....£209,950



**Herne Bay**

- Distinctive period home.
- 3 bedrooms with some sea views.
- Delightful central location.

.....OIEO £199,995



**Herne Bay**

- 3 bed extended house.
- Cottagey feel internally.
- Located in the outskirts of Herne Bay centre.

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**Herne Bay**

- 2 double bed semi detached bungalow.
- Poplar location off 'The Broadway'.
- Double glazed conservatory.

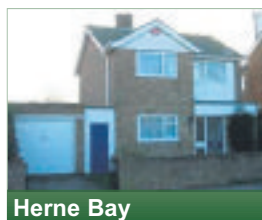
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**Greenhill**

- 2 bed extended detached bungalow.
- Popular Greenhill location.
- Approx. 70ft rear garden.

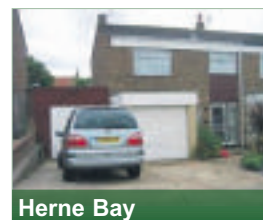
.....OIEO £199,950



**Herne Bay**

- 2 bed detached house.
- Central location with garage & parking.
- Southerly facing rear garden.

.....£195,000



**Herne Bay**

- 3 bed semi-detached home.
- 2 Separate garages.
- Short walk from Herne Bay town & sea front.

.....£192,500



**Hampton**

- Separate downstairs shower room.
- Double glazed conservatory.
- 3 beds & off street parking.

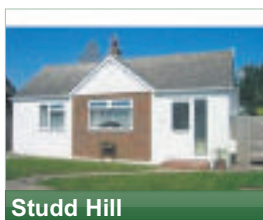
.....£189,950



**Herne Bay**

- 3 bed semi detached Family home
- Approx 70ft rear garden.
- Walking distance to sea front & local schools.

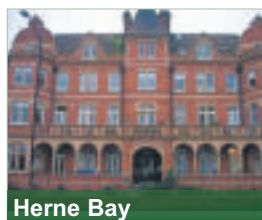
.....£180,000-£190,000



**Studd Hill**

- Situated in a popular cul-de-sac location.
- 2 Bed Detached Bungalow
- Close to Fantastic Sea Side Walks

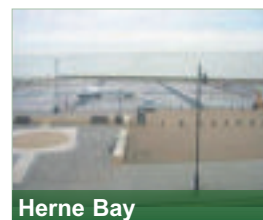
.....£168,000-£180,000



**Herne Bay**

- Luxury Penthouse Apartment
- 3 Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking

.....OIEO £179,995



**Herne Bay**

- 2 bedroom flat.
- Direct sea views.
- Allocated parking.

.....£132,500



**Herne Bay**

- 1/2 Beds
- H&Y Location, close to Station
- Well maintained.

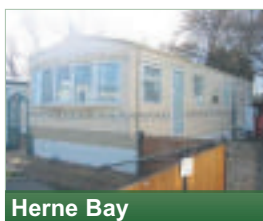
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**First Floor Flat,**

- 1 Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Town Centre Location
- Ideal First or Investment Property

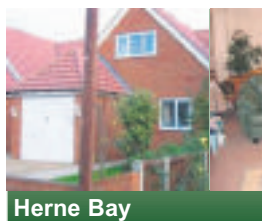
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**Herne Bay**

- Well Equipped & furnished.
- Two bedrooms.
- Close to sea front walks.

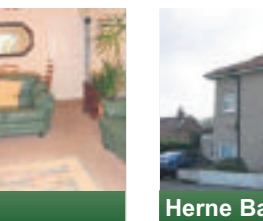
.....£90,000



**Herne Bay**

- 3 double bed chalet bungalow.
- Less than 5 Years old.
- Close to schools and seafont

..... £249,995



**Herne Bay**

- One bedroom annexe.
- Sea views to the front of the property.
- Separate 4 bedroomed detached house.

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**Whitstable £645,000**

Four Bedroom Detached House In Desirable Location  
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• Conservatory, Detached Garage, Driveway  
• Master Bedroom With En-suite Shower Room



**Herne Bay £305,000**

Spacious Detached Chalet Style Bungalow In Sought After Location  
• Immaculate Throughout With Plenty Of Living Space  
• Enclosed Front And Rear Gardens  
• Off Street Parking



**Herne Bay £289,995**

Two Bedroom Bungalow Well Presented Throughout  
• Lounge And Dining Room Both Offering Fantastic Sea Views  
• Quiet Residential Location  
• Off Street Parking For 4-5 Cars



**Herne Bay £220,000**

New Build Detached House In Popular Residential Area  
• Three Bedrooms, One En-suite, Study/Utility Room  
• Off Street Parking  
• Herne Bay High School Catchment Area

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**GREENHILL, HERNE BAY £209,995**

Vacant detached 2 bedroom bungalow located on a wide corner plot on the south side of town close to 'bus route and within walking distance of local shops. Features gas central heating and double glazing.



**HOATH, NR CANTERBURY £249,995**

An opportunity to live in a semi-rural location is available with this 3 bedrm semi-det house situated in the Hoath district. Standing on a good size plot the property offers good potential with some improvements required. Features country views, d/g and oil fired central heating. No onward chain.



**BELTINGE, HERNE BAY £300,000**

Nicely presented 4 bedroom detached chalet style property located on the outskirts of the Village of Beltinge in a cul-de-sac but close to 'bus route to Herne Bay, Reculver school closeby. Features gas central heating and double glazing. Viewing recommended.



**CENTRAL, HERNE BAY £139,995**

Spacious ground floor self contained Leasehold flat with jointly owned Freehold title. Located in the centre of town, close to sea front, opposite swimming pool. Features gas central heating. No forward chain.



**EAST CLIFF, HERNE BAY £245,000**

Three bedroom terraced house situated on the east side of town within 200 yards of local shops in Canterbury Road where there is also a bus service to Canterbury and Whitstable available. Many original features. Gas fired central heating.



**HERNE, HERNE BAY £179,995**

This well presented two bedroom cottage is ideally located in the heart of the historic village of Herne. There is a regular bus service to Herne Bay and Canterbury available about 100 yards away. Benefits from gas fired central heating.



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**THE RIGHT CHEMISTRY**  
I'm 27, 5ft, dark hair, blue eyes, enjoy cinema, nights, pubs, nights in and out, seeking a king male for friendship leading to a LTR. Box 438333

**HONESTY & HUMOUR PLEASE!**  
Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair, blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a goal, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494

**LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED**  
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

**SEARCHING MR RIGHT**  
Lovely, attractive female, 32, 5'5", looking to meet that someone special to share life, laughter and love. Box 429124

**HOPING FOR MORE**  
32yr old kid, warm female, 5'6", cuddly, love walking my dog, cozy nights in, evenings out, WLM, tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430593

**TRUST MATTERS**  
Independent, professional female, 35, 5'7", fit, GSOH, enjoy travelling, cinema, looking for a like-minded, honest and male to share life with. Box 901771

**TRAVEL HAPPY**  
Midway female, 36, 5'8", blue/green eyes, slim, likes dancing, amateur dramatics, walks, much more, looking for someone who could make me laugh, for possible relationship. Box 435372

**WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM LIFE?**  
36 year old female, divorced with no children, brunet, loves travel, music, cinema, nice meals, theatre, disco, salsa, seeking someone for dates and more. Rainham. Box 434374

**NICE SMILE???**  
Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cutely built, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

**SEIZE THE DAY**  
Loving female, 36, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, seeks genuine male for friendship and more. Box 428666

**NICE PERSONALITY**  
Large, bubbly, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619

**PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE**  
Hi I'm 37, 5'8", mousey long hair, grey eyes, n/s, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird-watching, seeking kind, tactful, n's gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674

**JOIN ME BABY**  
Fun-loving, vicious woman, early 40s, enjoys dining out, walking, cinema, looking for a confident man with GSOH, n/s for friendship & maybe more. Box 985889

**STRIKE ME!**  
42, 5'8", slim build, down-to-earth, normal love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-55 for friendship and more. Box 436163

**I KNEW YOU WERE WAITING**  
Loving, caring single female, 42, loves swimming, walking, nights in/out. Would love to meet somebody special to share life's ups and downs with. Paul, call please! Box 897101

**HAPPY NATURE**  
42yr old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoy cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male n/s for friendship. Box 435451

**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 411456

**MEN ONLY, NO MICE!**  
Hi, I'm 34, 5'8", 381, blonde, brown hair, single mum, love going out, reading, cycling, enjoy male company and seeking 27-45yr old, for companionship. Box 438488

**ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE**  
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 438488

**A FINE ROMANCE**  
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relating, reading, wine, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 432007

**BE HERE NOW**  
Melis, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man, enjoys music & being adventurous. Box 431913

**SPICE UP YOUR LIFE**  
Professional, Asian lady, 35yrs, very well-versed, fun-loving and GSOH, WLM, looking for professional male with no ties for relationship. Box 435922

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Lovely single Mum, 34, blonde, slim build, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLM similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 927816

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Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406070

**AFRICAN ADVENTURE**  
African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 415122

**LESSONS IN LOVE**  
Loving, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLM caring, honest, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422480

**TRY NEW THINGS**  
Mum of 1, I'm 5'8", blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, likes keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 415159

**R U THE 1?**  
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'8", brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship leading to more. Box 433107

**HAPPY TIMES**  
35yr old woman, looking to share happy moments with a loving, caring guy, around 35-40, Does that sound like you? Box 435380

**ROMANCE IS ALIVE**  
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, enjoys time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813630

**SECOND THAT EMOTION**  
I'm an attractive, dark-haired female, 36, who enjoys cinema, coffee, theatre and socialising, seeking a fun, caring, considerate, romantic gent, for a chat and more. Box 436807

**MUST HAVE GSOH AND BE ABLE TO COOK!**  
Down-to-earth, kind and caring, separat, strong-willed Scottish mum, 39, looking for fun, tactile, calm and considerate male who likes noise and chaos. Box 897191

**YOUNG-AT-HEART**  
Attractive 38yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curvy physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male, for friendship/relationship. Box 901893

**LET'S GET TOGETHER**  
Hi, I'm Paula, 38, 5'2", with a good nature, looking for fun and someone to have a laugh with. Box 435324

**LOOKING FOR THE SAME**  
Black female, 38, 5'2", have children, like nights out and cozy nights in, seeking someone to have a laugh with. Box 435423

**MAKE ME GIGGLE**  
Black female, 38 years old, 5'12, likes going out, seeking a sociable male, who likes having a laugh. Gillingham. Box 429656

**THE WIT TO WHO!**  
Kent female, 39, 5'7", dark eyes, GSOH, no lies, likes cosy nights in, socialising, country pubs, cinema, seeks lively, caring male, for friendship & more. Box 435674

**YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL**  
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WLM a like-minded, independent, can house, hard-working, seeking lively, happy-go-lucky (like me!), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435686

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Loving, caring single female, 42, loves swimming, walking, nights in/out. Would love to meet somebody special to share life's ups and downs with. Paul, call please! Box 897101

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**TAKE A CHANCE**  
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 411456

**MEN ONLY, NO MICE!**  
Hi, I'm 34, 5'8", 381, blonde, brown hair, single mum, love going out, reading, cycling, enjoy male company and seeking 27-45yr old, for companionship. Box 438488

**ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE**  
Fun-loving, affectionate brunette, 43, size 12, N/S, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 438488

**A FINE ROMANCE**  
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relating, reading, wine, seeks sincere male with GSOH, for LTR. Box 432007

**BE HERE NOW**  
Melis, 44, looking for an understanding, sensitive man, enjoys music & being adventurous. Box 431913

**SPICE UP YOUR LIFE**  
Professional, Asian lady, 35yrs, very well-versed, fun-loving and GSOH, WLM, looking for professional male with no ties for relationship. Box 435922

**READ ME!**  
Lovely single Mum, 34, blonde, slim build, loves socialising, good fun and chatty, WLM similar male for fun and laughter, maybe leading to LTR. Box 927816

**CANTERBURY TALE**  
Single mum of 2, 32, would like to meet someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Box 406070

**AFRICAN ADVENTURE**  
African lady, 33, brown eyes, likes socialising, music, pubs, cinema, seeks male for friendship and more. Box 415122

**LESSONS IN LOVE**  
Loving, caring, black African female, 33, school teacher, WLM caring, honest, open, professional man, 35-50 with good values in life, for something meaningful. Box 422480

**TRY NEW THINGS**  
Mum of 1, I'm 5'8", blonde hair, slim, young looking, 34yrs old, I'm caring, honest, with a GSOH, likes keep-fit, cinema, dancing, days out. Box 415159

**R U THE 1?**  
Outgoing, funny, young-looking female, 34, 5'8", brown hair/eyes, Tonbridge, seeks caring, loyal male for friendship leading to more. Box 433107

**HAPPY TIMES**  
35yr old woman, looking to share happy moments with a loving, caring guy, around 35-40, Does that sound like you? Box 435380

**ROMANCE IS ALIVE**  
Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, enjoys time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813630

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Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, loves beach walks, animals, DIY, swimming, travelling, WLM N/S man to share things with. Box 428682

**LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING NEW PEOPLE**  
45 year old female, has 2 dogs, works hair, like music, enjoys reading, films and a glass of wine! seeking like-minded male, Deal area, for friendship, perhaps more! Box 896658

**IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!**  
44yr old female, blonde hair, 5'11, slim, easygoing, enjoy many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 434981

**NICE AND LOVING**  
44 year old female, 5'7", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you can't find one, give me a ring! Maidstone. Box 413448

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating out, own home, car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

**NO GAME PLAYERS!**  
Female, 46, seeks honest, warm, sincere, intelligent, and good-looking male with no hang-ups about kids for friendship and hoping for more. Box 156956

**ALL THAT I NEED**  
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving & outgoing, N/S, GSOH, very active, likes clubbing, nights in/out, in seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

**READY TO START AGAIN**  
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WLM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432492

**DEEP DEEPER**  
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55, Dover. Box 435098

**SHE'S THE ONE!**  
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5'2", dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubbing, nights in/out, in seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 432492

**BRIGHTON UP MY WORLD**  
Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-55 for friendship. Box 909971

**STOP THE SHAKES!**  
Hello, 49yr old female, 5'13, blonde, nervous outgoing, love music, socialising, simple things in life, seeking a male to look after and settle down with. Box 436333

**BACK TO NATURE**  
46yr old female, divorced, 5'2", blonde hair, green eyes, curvy, love animals, nature, country walks, seeking a male to start a long term relationship! Box 438488

**ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?**  
Lucky, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy nights in, travel, nights in, cinema. Box 437026

**PUTTER IN YOUR HANDS!**  
Sporty female, 50, Hastings-based, 5'8", blonde/brunette, enjoys golf, walking, socialising, eating out, WLM fun-loving, kind, sporty male, 48-60, 5'10", to share life. Box 165367

**BIG HEART**  
New to the area, I'm female, 50, with blonde hair/eyes, 5'7", Seeking nice, outgoing guy who likes meals out, travel, nights in, cinema. Box 437026

**IF AT FIRST YOU DON'T SUCCEED...**  
Hello, I'm



## MOTORS NEWS



### Winner's keys to Punto

MEDWAY Fiat has presented a trendy special edition Grande Punto to a competition winner from Sittingbourne.

Mr Trevor Minnican is pictured (left) with wife Amanda receiving the keys from dealership sales manager Jason Golding after a competition staged by Fiat and electronics retailer Dixons.

The Minnicans' Punto featured a special package of extras including 15-inch alloys, spoiler, side skirts, sports stripes and 'Blue and Me' Bluetooth system.

Blue and Me is a collaboration between Fiat Auto and Microsoft and was the keynote of the competition.



### Citroën cracks the Code

FOLLOWING success with the well-appointed yet affordable three-door C2 Code (£10,695) supermini special edition, Citroën has 'Coded' the C1 city car and C3 Pluriel convertible.

'Code' treatment can be deciphered as taking the model line's top trim level and adding leather upholstery, sporty alloys, chrome interior details and black livery, yet prices start from under £8,000 for the frugal three-door C1 Code – the standard equivalent costs £7,585. The Code package for the quirky Pluriel is even better value (£12,895) – below list price for the cheapest standard Pluriel.



### Luxury Freelander's arrival only days away

LAND Rover has completed its award-winning Freelander 2 line-up with a new luxury flagship.

The Freelander 2 HST arrives in March, priced from £31,990. It looks the part with a Sports Styling Pack including front and rear bumper aprons, side sill mouldings and rear roof spoiler.

Other kit includes 19-inch, 10-spoke darkened alloys, leather seat facings, privacy glass and metallic paint.

At the same time the company is launching the equally arresting Range Rover Sport HST priced from £59,895.



**CLASS ACT:** The BMW 320d is the best-selling of the 3-Series which delivers power and economy, driver enjoyment, practicality and a long wheelbase with good rear legroom

# Everyman's car keeps its exclusive features

FORD'S Mondeo used to be Britain's favourite car – now it struggles to get into the top-ten sellers' list.

Competition from MPVs and 4x4s has not helped, but the car that has inflicted most damage is the BMW 3-Series – the leader from a compact executive sector that has replaced the Mondeo in the affections of company car 'user choosers'.

We tested the best-selling version 320d version, which delivers power and economy, low emissions and tax efficiency, status, driver enjoyment and practicality. Our car was also the coveted £27,555 M Sport. It commands a premium of more than £5,000 over the 320d 'cooking version', but looks the business when the company car park pecking order matters.

The M package brings a sports version of the exemplary 3-Series chassis, parking sensors, cruise control, climate control, its own alloys, a subtle M Sport body kit, and M Sport door sills.

The star feature is the engine though. Straight six petrol units made BMW's name here, but the

## ROAD TEST BMW 3-SERIES

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

163bhp 320d unit is every bit as impressive in today's 'squeeze the motorist dry' Britain.

With virtual petrol engine refinement it delivers pulling power across the range as the consummate all-rounder for town and country and relaxed (45mpg-plus) motorway cruiser, aided by a well-spaced and slick six-speed gearbox.

As generations of 3-Series have passed, BMW has extended the wheelbase to enhance balance and handling, so this sporty diesel eats up cross-country travel safely and securely, with little body roll.

However, this can also highlight a fidgety ride caused by run-flat tyres; BMW has ditched a spare wheel for extra boot space, but the drawback could outweigh the benefit.

Inside, the ergonomics are typically good with a clear dashboard layout, excellent seats and a fully adjustable steering wheel.

That long wheelbase also guarantees good rear legroom, though headroom is slightly compromised by the roofline – I can admire the car's abilities, but I cannot love its variation on today's distinctive yet rather ugly BMW design theme.

On the other hand, so many people disagree and top-ten sales speak volumes.



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CORSA								OTHER MAKES							
2001	Y*	Corsa Club E/T	12	3	Star silver	28,825	£2,995	2006	55	Zafira Design	18	5	Star silver	26,300	£10,495
2004	04	Corsa Energy E/T	12	5	Silver lightening	30,300	£4,795	2006	56	Zafira Sri + Exterior pack	18	5	Star silver	20,500	£11,995
2005	05	Corsa Breeze	10	3	Silver lightening	34,825	£5,495	DUE SOON							
2006	56	Corsa Active	12	3	Silver	2,100	£6,995	2003	53*	Renault Scenic Fidji	14	5	Metallic blue	34,500	£4,795
2006	56	Corsa Sxi +	14	3	Ultra blue	5,500	£6,995	2004	54*	Renault Clio Dynamique	12	3	Silver	8,150	£5,150
2006	56	Corsa Design	12	3	Star silver	6,200	£6,795	2002	02*	Corsa Sxi	12	3	Yellow	52,000	£3,995
2007	56	Corsa Sxi +	14	3	Silver lightening	3,250	£7,395	2005	05	Corsa Breeze	10	3	Star silver	28,000	£4,995
2007	07	New Corsa Club Auto A/c	14	5	Lancelot	9,900	£9,995	2007	07	Corsa CDTi Club A/c	13D	5	Silver lightening	TBA	£9,495
2007	07	New Corsa Design	12	5	Air blue	12,770	£8,995	2005	05	Meriva Design	16	5	Star silver	28,000	£6,995
VECTRA								2005	05	Meriva Design CDTi	17D	5	Ultra blue	31,000	£7,295
2005	54	Vectra Club CDTi	19D	5	Black sapphire	20,790	£7,795	2002	52*	Astra Convertible	16	2	Flame red	57,500	£6,250
2006	06	Vectra Exclusiv	18	5	Black sapphire	14,900	£8,995	2004	54	New Astra Sxi	16	5	Star silver	17,000	£7,495
2007	07	Vectra Exclusiv	18	5	Ultra blue	7,950	£10,995	2005	05	New Astra Sri	2.0	3	Black sapphire	15,000	£10,995
2007	07	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv Est	19D	5	Metro blue	12,050	£12,995	2005	05	New Astra Sxi Sports hatch 1.6	16	3	Ultra blue	42,000	£8,495
2007	07	Vectra Sri CDTi (150ps)	19D	5	Black sapphire	8,750	£16,995	2005	54	Astra Coupe	18	2	Star silver	34,000	£6,695
2007	07	Vectra Design	18	5	Star silver	12,650	£10,495	2007	07	New Astra Sxi Sports hatch 1.4	14	3	Black sapphire	17,000	£9,995
2007	07	Vectra Life	18	5	Black sapphire	10,250	£9,995	2005	54	Zafira Life	18	5	Silver light	31,000	£7,250
SIGNUM								2005	05	Zafira Breeze	16	5	Black sapphire	37,000	£7,350
2003	03*	Signum Elegance	2.2	5	Oyster	50,375	£6,650	2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	16	5	Flame red	29,000	£8,995
2003	53	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Star silver	36,500	£6,350	2007	07	Tigra Exclusiv Red	14	5	Metro blue	TBA	£11,995
2004	04	Signum Elite Auto	2.2	5	Black sapphire	22,000	£8,195	2005	05	Vectra Sri	2.2	5	Star silver	30,000	£8,250
2004	04	Signum Elegance Auto	2.2	5	Silver	34,850	£7,995	2007	07	Vectra CDTi Exclusiv Auto	19D	5	Panacotta	8,000	£11,495
2005	55	Signum Exclusive	2.2	5	Grey	33,100	£8,995	COMMERCIAL VEHICLES							
ASTRA								2007	07	Vivaro	19 D		White	9,400	£10,995+VAT
2004	54	New Astra Club	16	5	Black sapphire	29,450	£7,495	2007	07	Combo	13CDTi		White	13,600	£7,995+VAT
2005	54	New Astra Sxi	16	5	Flame red	34,000	£7,995	2007	07	Astravan	13 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2004	54	Astra Club E/T	16	5	Star silver	40,500	£6,995	2006	56	Movano	2.5 CDTi		Silver	3,000	£14,350+VAT
2005	05	New Astra Estate Design	18	5	Breeze blue	33,700	£7,995	2007	07	Corsavan	13 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,995+VAT
2005	55	New Astra Sxi	16	5	Silver lightening	11,680	£8,250	2006	56	Astravan	13 CDTi		White	Delivery	£7,495+VAT
2005	55	New Astra Sxi	16	5	Star silver	15,550	£7,995	2007	07	Combo	13D		White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT
2007	07	New Astra Club	16	5	Panacotta	9,800	£9,295	2007	57	Combo	13D CDTi		White	Delivery	£8,495+VAT
2007	57	New Astra Sports Sxi CDTi 17D	16	3	Power red	8,150	£11,995	2007	57	Vivaro	19D		White	Delivery	£13,595+VAT
2007	57	Astra Club Estate CDTi	13D	5	Panacotta	7,850	£12,995	2001	Y*	Movano	2.2 DTi		White	72,500	£4,995+VAT
MERIVA								2006	56	Astravan	13 CDTi		White	9,800	£6,995+VAT
2004	04	Meriva Design MTA	18	5	Ultra blue	35,000	£6,495	2007	07	Astravan	17 CDTi		Star silver	5,050	£7,995+VAT
2007	57	Meriva Energy MTA	16	5	Ultra blue	1,950	£10,995	2006	56	Combo	13 CDTi		White	10,260	£7,495+VAT
ZAFIRA								2002	52*	Vivaro	19 DTi		White	50,500	£4,995+VAT
2001	Y*	Zafira Comfort	16	5	Star silver	54,400	£4,495	*Non Network Q Vehicle							
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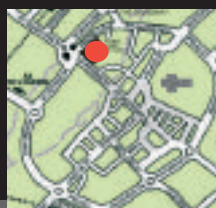
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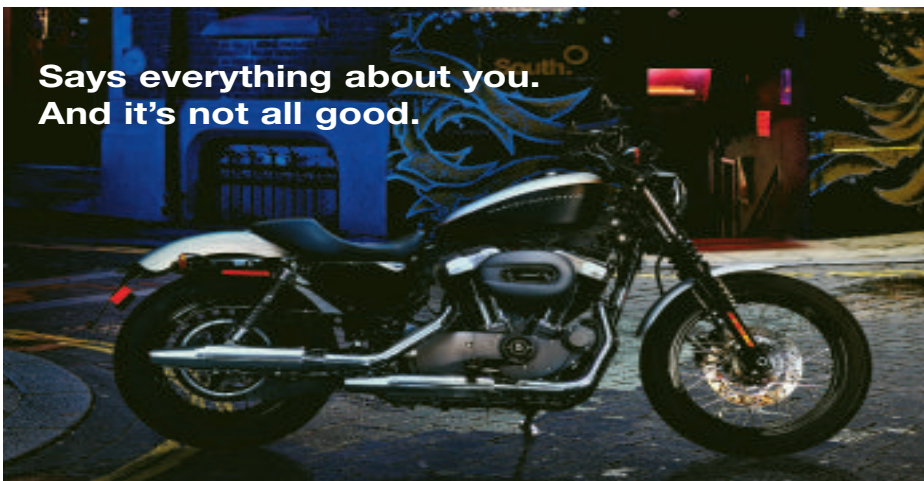
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## Early Years Advisory Teacher

**Starting salary £29,190, with progression through contribution related pay to £34,507 per annum**

**Clover House, Whitstable**

Canterbury City and County Cluster work with the private and voluntary sector offering advice, challenge and support for Early Years settings.

You must be a qualified teacher with substantial Early Years experience with an excellent understanding and working knowledge of the Foundation Stage Curriculum and the needs of young children and their families. You must be able to demonstrate the ability to understand and work with a wide range of providers and external agencies.

Excellent interpersonal and communication skills are therefore essential.

Knowledge of additional and special education needs would be advantageous.

You must be prepared to travel around Canterbury City and the surrounding rural areas and beyond for training.

**This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau.**  
**Ref: CFE/08/0044**

**Closing date: midday, 28th February 2008.**

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With exceptional communication skills, you will be committed to promoting good communication between parents, schools and agencies and increasing parental involvement.

You will need excellent oral and written communication skills, experience of developing partnerships with a wide range of people and of working with parents, project management skills and knowledge of AEN and SEN processes.

Supervision will be provided.

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**Ref: CFE/08/0055**

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## Senior Partnership Officer (Naturally Active)

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Following recent success in securing three years funding from Big Lottery, the North West Kent Countryside Partnership is recruiting a Senior Partnership Officer to deliver the Naturally Active programme.

Naturally Active is a ground-breaking project aimed at addressing healthcare issues through a stimulating programme of events, using the countryside as a focus for delivery. You will be working with healthcare professionals, community leaders, and commercial providers to engage people in a range of activities that will benefit their health and wellbeing.

You will be a highly motivated individual capable of acting on your own initiative and generating enthusiasm in others. Ideally, you will have experience in both countryside and healthcare but, more importantly, you will be a successful project manager, a strong communicator, and able to work sensitively at both a strategic and personal level.

You will need a qualification in a health, or environment, related discipline and experience in a leadership role. A self-starter, with a can-do approach, you will be able to manage and develop projects effectively, on budget and on time.

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#### To apply/more information

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**To apply/more information**  
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Headteacher  
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Sir Joseph Williamson's  
Mathematical School,  
Maidstone Road,

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E-mail [harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk](mailto:harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.medway.sch.uk)

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Chatham Grammar School for Girls  
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#### To apply/more information

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Required From: 1 September 2008  
Closing date: 5 March 2008  
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Kent ME1 3EL  
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Closing Date: 25 February 2008

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# Don't dismiss the pitfalls of missing work for football

WORKERS are being urged not to score an own goal by throwing a sickie during this year's Euro 2008 football tournament.

Amanda Finn, of Gullands solicitors in Maidstone, says that, although the UK does not have a presence in football's second biggest showpiece event, many employers are already worrying about the employment issues that will undoubtedly arise.

She says: "Without wishing to be killjoys, how can they deal with the issues that arise from absences which may affect their ability to maintain business as usual?"

"As a starting point it is a good idea to remind all staff of the company policy for requesting time off and notification of sickness absence."

"An employer does not have to accept a holiday request, but it is important that all staff are treated fairly and consistently."

Here's her advice to employers:

"If you do decide to make allowances for changes in hours to accommodate matches then it is important to stress this is a temporary arrangement and that employers deal with other staff requests, not football related, with similar sympathy."

"Without seeking to make assumptions

■ BY TONY PATEY

about the gender of football fans, it is likely that if an employer has agreed to a small alteration in hours for many male employees, a refusal of a request for alteration to a female member of staff's hours for other reasons could lead to claims of discrimination.

"If the company is going to take a hard line in relation to sickness absence during Euro 2008 it is important employees are told about this prior to the event and that the procedure does not depart from any contractual scheme."

"Employers will have to be very sure of their facts to take disciplinary action and in any event should be careful to follow the statutory disciplinary procedures to avoid a trip to the employment tribunal."

"And what of the worst case scenario? An employee who has taken holiday to attend the matches is involved in violence. What can the employer do then? The answer is not as straightforward as you might imagine."

"Behaviour which takes place in an employee's own time may not give an employer sufficient justification for dismissal."

If you need guidance contact Amanda Finn at Gullands on 01622 678341 or by email at [a.finn@gullands.com](mailto:a.finn@gullands.com)



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# English sides suffer as men crash in Scotland

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LOSING BATTLE: Matt Harper was among the defeated Canterbury squad

CANTERBURY'S men endured a difficult weekend against some of the best teams in the world at the Eurohockey Indoor Club Champions Cup, finishing bottom of the eight-team tournament as they represented England.

The side earned the right to play at the tournament in Perth, Scotland, by winning the English indoor title last year. And they made a good start against Polish and European champions Poczowiec Poznan, with David Matthews scoring a hat-trick in a narrow 7-4 defeat.

World champions and eventual tournament winners Germany, represented by a team from Crefelder, cruised past Canterbury, running out 18-1 winners.

## HOCKEY

They finished bottom of Pool A after a 9-5 defeat to full-time Danish side Orient Lyngby, although Matthews notched another hat-trick. Matt Harper had given them the lead, but an onslaught followed from the Scandinavian professionals.

Defeats against champions from Austria and Switzerland followed as Canterbury struggled against Europe's elite.

The result means England will now be relegated out of the elite group, with Loughborough the first to lose out. The midlands club won the English National Indoor title last

month, but will now play in the Challenge Cup next spring.

Canterbury must now turn their attentions to escaping relegation in the Premier League. They are four points adrift at the bottom ahead of Saturday's game at Polo Farm against Loughborough.

Canterbury's ladies continued their good form with a 3-1 win away against Chelmsford. Goals from Sarah Kerly and Helen Grant put the visitors in front at the break, with Susannah Townsend making sure of the win ten minutes from time.

The victory consolidates Canterbury's place in the top half of the Premier League. They have a week off before hosting Leicester on March 1.

## Crusaders have to accept defeat

KENT Crusaders basketball team had to bow to a better side as they lost 77-64 against the Cardiff Celts on Saturday night.

Coach Mads Olesen put the defeat down to injuries, but admits the Celts were the better team.

He said: "We were without Damian Lyons, and obviously Robbie Parker is still injured, and they both mean a lot to our team."

"They have proved important to us time and again, and having both out was just too much."

"The team played their guts out, but we just played a good, disciplined team."

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Gills manager Mark Stimson admits the club are now in a relegation scrap

## Herne Bay in seventh heaven

HERNE Bay put the loss of leading striker Aaron Firth to Ramsgate behind them as they racked up seven goals at Croydon on Saturday.

Bay were 7-0 winners after a Croydon player was sent off 15 minutes in.

In the dying minutes of the first half, a corner dropped to Luke Harvey and he made no mistake to give Bay the lead.

In the 75th minute, Ben Brown made a forceful run into the box and was upended. From the penalty spot Martin Chandler made no mistake. The goal seemed to give Bay the spur they needed and three minutes later Lawson coolly netted another goal.

Dave Soutan made it 4-0 in the 82nd minute, powering in a header from another accurate Brown cross.

Adam Todd scored the fifth before another two goals came in the last two minutes, again from Todd and Lawson.

Todd hit a low drive from 20-yards through a packed defence, while Lawson headed home another Brown cross.



PROMISING: David Cory's partnership with striker Ian Pulman has helped the Oystermen claw themselves out of relegation trouble at the foot of Ryman Division One South

# Pulman and Cory help fire Oystermen to safety

IAN Pulman and Dave Cory added to their growing partnership as they scored to help fire Whitstable Town to a third successive home win and ease relegation fears.

Nick Bagley capped an impressive full league debut with a goal as the Oystermen opened up a nine-point gap between themselves and the bottom two in the Ryman South.

Town boss Marc Seager was thrilled with the result and was particularly pleased to see his strikers getting on the score sheet.

He told Yourcanterbury: "It's a big win for us, great psychologically to put more of a gap between us and the bottom two. We have got three points and hopefully that will go a long way to make sure we are playing Ryman League football next year. Nine points at this stage of the season is a big gap."

"It is great when your strikers are scoring, they have eight goals between them now. They

## FOOTBALL

BY DAVID PRITCHARD

### Whitstable Town 3 Worthing 1

work well together and defend from the front, which as a manager - that's what you want."

Worthing at one point looked like a side capable of challenging for the play-offs, but they came into the game on a run of just one win in 11 league games.

The Sussex side struggled defensively from the kick-off and the hosts took full advantage.

Whitstable took the lead when Danny Tipple, who had a superb game at left-back, raced down the flank and put in a perfect cross which fell to Pulman. The striker has been a revelation since moving to the Belmont and lashed home his sixth goal in as many games.

The hosts were able to get in behind the Worthing defence with impunity in the first

half and Cory doubled the lead when a hopeful ball forward sent him clear.

Like his strike partner, Cory has excelled since moving from Deal Town and he held off his marker to find the same corner as Pulman with a precise finish.

Bagley tapped in a rebound to make it 3-0 after half an hour to send the Belmont faithful into dreamland.

Worthing regrouped at half-time and were more of a threat in the second half, but a penalty 11 minutes from time was all they had to show for their efforts.

Whitstable have a difficult run of fixtures ahead and cannot afford to rest on their laurels. They probably need three more wins from 12 games to ensure survival, but the recent rich vein of form could prove vital.

Seager's side had an opportunity to get one step closer to safety when they travelled to play Burgess Hill Town last night. Log on to [www.yourcanterbury.co.uk](http://www.yourcanterbury.co.uk) for report and reaction from the game.

Picture: PER ALLEN



# City come within a whisker of victory

## RUGBY

BY YOUR CANTERBURYREPORTER

### Canterbury 15 Mounts Bay 16

A WEEK on from winning at London Scottish, Canterbury almost pulled off an unlikely double by coming close to beating runaway league leaders Mounts Bay.

The Cornish side have swept all before them this season, with only one defeat in 19 games. They look odds-on for promotion to National Two, but they almost came unstuck against a fired-up Canterbury.

The visitors began well and observers might have expected Bay to accelerate out of sight, but Canterbury fought back.

Gert De Kock kicked a penalty to reduce the deficit to two points, then they took the lead with a try from Theo Rhodes after 20 minutes.

The conversion appeared straightforward, but De Kock missed.

Canterbury's lead almost survived to the break, but Bay replied with another flash of slick, passing rugby to go over once again.

Two penalties for the visitors early in the second half extended their lead to 16-8, but from then on it was the hosts who enjoyed most of the game.

They lost props Jamie Forsyth and Matt Pinnick to injuries and with both props off the field, the referee ordered uncontested scrums.

The change seemed to help Canterbury and when De Kock converted a Pat Sykes try narrowing the gap to a single point, but despite a series of attempts, Bay maintained their lead.

Canterbury took a bonus point from the game, which was enough to keep them third in National Three South.

This weekend Canterbury travel to Ealing, before visiting Colfeians in the Kent Cup semi-final on Sunday.



CLOSE CALL: Canterbury gave league leaders Mounts Bay a scare, but ended up losing by only a single point

## yourcanterbury SPORT IN BRIEF

### Edwards leads England to another Ashes victory

KENT'S Charlotte Edwards hit the winning runs as England women retained the Ashes by beating Australia in the one-off Test.

The Kent and England captain hit 94 in the first innings as the visitors built a 90-run lead.

Edwards then completed the run chase in the second innings as the visitors reached their target of 114 with six wickets to spare.

Her county team mate Lydia Greenway was also among the victorious side, hitting a quick-fire 26 on the final day.

### City are just three wins away from promotion

A HAT-trick from Ashley Tuite edged Canterbury City closer to promotion as they beat struggling Atcost 4-1 at Bridge Recreation Ground.

Captain Dan Bonneywell scored City's other goal to keep Dave Fairclough's side 14 points clear at the top of Kent County League Division Two East.

They now need three wins from the final six games to guarantee promotion on their first season since reforming.

The side now have a weekend off, giving their rivals the chance to close the gap.

### Olympic effort needed for five-game series

MEL Clewlow and Hayley Brown both featured for Great Britain's hockey side as Australia came from behind to win the second Test Match in Perth.

The Canterbury pair started the match as the team improved from a 5-0 defeat in the first game, but the Hockeyroos scored two late goals to win 2-1.

Britain must win in Brisbane tomorrow if they are to have any chance of winning the five-game series, part of the side's preparations for this summer's Beijing Olympics.

### Umpires prepare for season with open day

CRICKET umpires in Kent will get the chance to learn about recent changes within the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) at an open day next month.

The 'Pre-Season Umpires Day' is aimed at officials at any level and will help them prepare for the season.

Canterbury's Christ Church University is hosting the event on Sunday, March 9. Entrance is free but umpires must book ahead by Wednesday, February 27.

For details contact Heidi Coleman on heidi.coleman@ecb.co.uk or call 01227 473621.



GOODBYE: Min Patel is retiring from cricket after 19 years

## Patel calls an end to 19 year Kent career

KENT stalwart Min Patel has announced his retirement from first class cricket after 19 years with the county.

The 37-year-old made his debut with the county in 1989 where he took 630 wickets with his left arm spin and scored 3,945 runs.

During his time at Canterbury, he was picked to play for England and made his Test debut against India in 1996.

Patel said: "It has been an honour to represent Kent for the best part of 20 years. While I feel mentally capable of carrying on, the body has said 'enough is enough'.

"I wish Rob Key and his team continued success on the field and hope they build on a terrific 2007, and to Graham Johnson and his team on their goal of taking Kent to new heights off the field."

Johnson, the club's chairman of cricket, paid tribute to Patel claiming it was "sad" that injury forced him into retirement rather than finishing his career winning trophies with Kent.

## CRICKET

He said: "He has been a top class spinner, very handy batsman and a shrewd tactician who has played at the highest level.

"But for some serious injuries I am sure he would have had more opportunities to play for his country.

"The way he overcame his injuries and his approach to the game are testament to his character and his love of the game.

"We will miss his skills for there are few spinners of his quality in the world, let alone in England."

Kent skipper Rob Key praised Patel for his support in helping him in his role as captain and as a role model to others.

He said: "Min has been an inspiration to others throughout his career.

"There are many cricketers within Kent and beyond who have benefited from his knowledge and advice."

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